

## Katyushas fall near Metulla

**Jerusalem Post Staff**  
METULLA — Three Katyusha rockets were fired yesterday from Lebanon at the Galilee Panhandle, two of them landing near Metulla and the third in Emek Ayoun. There were no casualties and no damage.

At about 3 p.m., residents of Metulla heard the once-familiar sound of the Soviet-made rockets. Eyal Goldberg, 11, of Metulla, said: "We heard a boom and knew immediately it was Katyushas. We were really afraid and shocked and I was completely confused. It reminded me of the days before the war. I ran to the shelter right away."

The Israel Defence Forces found the craters created by the exploding rockets on impact. An examination of the fragments of the rockets indicated that they were of the -120mm type, which had apparently been fired from the northwest. This type of Katyusha has a range of approximately 14 kilometres.

The search throughout South Lebanon continued last night for the launching sites of the Katyushas. The searches included Israel Air Force helicopters.

Since the beginning of the war there were eight failed attempts to fire rockets at the Galilee Panhandle. About a year ago, a Katyusha landed in the orchard of Moshav She'ar Yashuv and exploded, damaging only the trees.

A senior IDF officer in South Lebanon said last night: "These Katyushas were expected. We said time and again that there is no way to prevent such attempts, but there were those who said repeatedly, 'No more Katyushas on Kiryat Shmona.' It is likely that such declarations gave the terrorists a challenge."

The Katyusha attack revived the concern of Jewish settlements in Western Galilee.

Representatives of settlements along the coastal road and Ma'alot, Shlomi and Nahariya said that withdrawal of the IDF from Lebanon will compel them to return to their shelters. Others added that the military defeat of the central government in Beirut would strengthen the influence of radical elements in South Lebanon, and such a development would endanger the security of their settlements.

The settlements in Western Galilee do not conceal their fear that Sa'ad Haddad's death will lead to the crumbling of the Israeli-backed militia in South Lebanon while Lebanese opposing an Israeli presence there will try to attack settlements across the border.

## 70,000 jobless

**Post Economic Reporter**  
Unemployment rose during the last quarter of 1983 to 5 per cent or 70,000 of the work force of 1.4 million, as compared to 4 per cent in the previous quarter.

Figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics showed that the increase followed 20 months of constant decrease.

The figures also showed that the unemployment rate is greater among women, 5.7 per cent of whom were unemployed.



Smoke comes out of the back of an anti-government fighter's RPG-launcher after he fired at Lebanese troops yesterday in Beirut. (UPI telephoto).

## Moriah fire was arson

**Jerusalem Post Staff**  
The fire last Sunday in the Moriah Hotel on the Dead Sea was caused by "malicious arson," according to the preliminary findings of the Interior Ministry's investigating committee. Two persons died and seven were injured in the blaze.

Committee chairman Moshe Tiomkin, former commander of the Tel Aviv police district, said on Kof Yisrael radio last night that there were three indications of arson.

The first, said Tiomkin, was the speed with which the fire spread. It broke out on the fourth floor and quickly reached the upper storeys

of the seven-floor hotel. The speed of the conflagration led investigators to the discovery of three spots on the fourth floor where particularly intense burning occurred. These, Tiomkin said, indicated places where fires had been deliberately set.

The third indication came from the testimony of a fire fighter, Maurice Zohar, who was the first to arrive at the burning hotel. He told the investigators that the fire spread from the fourth to the seventh floor "in about five minutes," too quickly to be accidental.

A special police team has been appointed to investigate the arson.

## U.S. Navy may buy Kfirs

**Post Defence Correspondent**  
The U.S. Navy is considering the purchase of several Kfir fighters for training purposes, foreign sources report. Negotiations have been underway for several months between the navy and the Israeli Aircraft Industries (IAI) for an unspecified number — believed to be six — of Kfir C-7 fighters.

The navy intends to use the Kfir as a mock version of the MiG-21, to train its pilots in air-to-air combat. The navy found the Kfir to be the closest in its performance to the MiG-21, and better for the navy's

purposes than the F-5 that is used by the U.S. Air Force to simulate a MiG-21 in air-to-air combat.

The sale will be directly between the IAI and the U.S. Navy. The Americans will not pay cash, but will give the IAI a credit equivalent to the sale price. Israeli officials have been expressing cautious optimism about the sale's going through. It would be a shot in the arm for the IAI, the American selection of the aircraft being a good selling point in other markets.

The final decision is not expected for some weeks.

## IDF attacked three times in S. Lebanon

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
KIRYAT SHMONA — Israeli troops were attacked three times in South Lebanon yesterday. There were no casualties.

In the first incident, an armoured personnel carrier sustained heavy damage when it ran over and detonated a mine eight kilometres south of Tyre. None of its occupants was hurt. Israel Defence Forces sappers searching the area found another mine, which they safely dismantled.

In the second incident yesterday afternoon, light-arms fire was directed at a motorized IDF patrol five kilometres east of Nabatiya. The patrol returned fire and

searched the area. In the evening, about eight kms. south of Tyre a remote-controlled roadside bomb was detonated as an IDF patrol passed by. The 15-kilogram charge caused no damage. Searchers found the site of the detonation, which was executed by means of an electric wire.

## France wants UN force sent to Lebanon

**UNITED NATIONS (Reuters).** — France has asked the Security Council to explore prospects for sending UN troops to Lebanon to replace the four-nation multinational force in Beirut.

# Lebanese Army in poor shape, but U.S. fire gives Jemayel time

## U.S. claims credit for relative quiet in Beirut

**By WOLF BLITZER**  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

**WASHINGTON.** — The Reagan administration yesterday claimed credit for the relative quiet in greater Beirut that followed Wednesday's massive display of U.S. naval gunfire against Syrian held positions.

"Someone got the message we wanted them to receive yesterday," a senior U.S. official told reporters at the U.S. government's Foreign Press Centre. The official, who asked not to be identified, was referring to Syria.

He pointedly noted that U.S. aerial reconnaissance flights over Syrian-held positions in Lebanon were resumed yesterday and did not encounter any Syrian fire — as they have in the past.

Both Secretary of State George Shultz and Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger, during separate appearances before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, also insisted that Reagan's surprise decision to remove the marines from Lebanon should not be seen as indicating any weakened U.S. resolve to help the Lebanese Government of President Amin Jemayel.

Shultz and Weinberger said America's longstanding goals of achieving a sovereign and independent Lebanon, free of all foreign forces, were still very much alive.

Weinberger denied that the Lebanese Army had crumbled in recent days in the face of intensified sectarian strife. He even raised the possibility of providing an ad-

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## U.S. continues shelling Syrian-controlled areas

**BEIRUT.** — An American destroyer last night fired 150 shells at targets in the mountains east of Beirut in Syrian-controlled territory, a U.S. Marine spokesman announced. This was the second night in a row that the U.S. shelled the region.

After Wednesday's bombardment of the Syrian-held mountains by the battleship New Jersey and the destroyer Caron, Christian East Beirut enjoyed a respite from shelling for much of yesterday.

Local radio reports said it came under rocket fire in the evening, but there was no indication whether the attack came from the mountains or from Moslem militias in West Beirut.

President Ronald Reagan has ordered the U.S. Navy to fire on the mountains whenever Syrian artillery there bombards greater Beirut.

Although the Lebanese Army fought sporadic battles with Moslem militias in parts of Beirut, much of the city relaxed for the first time since full-scale war broke out between the government and the

opposition a week ago. Syria said scores of civilians were killed in densely populated areas near Beirut during Wednesday night's barrage of more than 550 shells from the New Jersey and the Caron.

Shells from the New Jersey's 16-inch guns screamed into the hills behind Beirut, while Moslem militias and the Lebanese Army battled with tanks, artillery and small-arms fire on several fronts in the capital.

A Marine spokesman said at least some of the fire was in support of and at the request of the Lebanese Army. The ships fired at Christian East Beirut and the areas around the U.S. ambassador's residence and Lebanon's presidential palace came under fire from Druse gunners in the Syrian-controlled mountains east of the capital.

American officials have not said how effective Wednesday's shelling

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**By HIRSH GOODMAN**  
Post Defence Correspondent

About one-third of the Lebanese Army has ceased to function and thousands of troops have defected, according to Israeli military sources.

Two and a half of the seven Lebanese Army brigades have been neutralized after losing West Beirut to Shi'ite, Druse and Palestinian militias.

According to these sources, there are about 1,000 terrorists in the Beirut area, with more streaming in all the time through Druse lines, and 1,300 Shi'ites.

The Shi'ites, the sources said, are incapable of launching a major organized attack against well-defended Lebanese objectives, but have scored big successes in urban warfare, rendering useless Lebanese Army units defending downtown Beirut.

The Israeli military sources were unsure about Amin Jemayel's future, but said that the American bombardments of Shi'ite and Syrian

positions over the past two days have given Jemayel respite.

They said there was no doubt the Syrians were behind all the recent events in Lebanon, but predicted that Syrian President Hafez Assad would not commit battalions to the battle. If he did, he would involve himself with both Israel and the Americans, which the Israeli military here thinks Assad does not wish to do.

Thus far the Syrians have scored several notable victories, the sources said. The Shi'ites have been setting the pace of things and dictating terms; they have achieved the deterioration of the Lebanese Army; they have caused the withdrawal of the multi-national forces; they have placed a huge question mark over the legitimacy of the government of Jemayel; and they have turned the May 17 peace agreement into fiction.

Military experts here said that while the American bombardments may be effective in the short-term,

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## Assad vows to oppose 'invaders' in Lebanon

**DAMASCUS (Reuters).** — President Hafez Assad yesterday renewed his country's pledge to continue all-out support to the Lebanese people against Israeli and U.S. forces.

The official Syrian news agency Sana quoted Assad as saying Syria "will continue to support the Lebanese people and its national forces and is always prepared to offer them all assistance possible to liberate their land from Israeli invasion troops and U.S. forces which interfere in Lebanese internal affairs."

Assad, who said Syria's stand was irrevocable and firm, made his statement during talks here with Syria's top Lebanese opposition leader, ex-president Suleiman Franjeh, former prime minister Rashid Karamah and Druse leader Walid Jumblatt.

The three form the leadership of the National Salvation Front opposed to Lebanese President Amin

Jemayel. Franjeh and Karamah arrived here yesterday from northern Lebanon to discuss ways to end the fighting in Lebanon, official sources said.

The opposition still seemed in no mood for compromise. Jumblatt on Wednesday night accused the U.S., the Lebanese Army and Christian militias of planning a joint attack on the Moslem forces in West Beirut.

Asked about reports that Jemayel might cancel the troop-withdrawal accord between Lebanon and Israel, Jumblatt said:

"As Lebanese nationals, we have surpassed the accord phase and will not accept anything that happened in the mountains and the suburbs, any dialogue with the Phalangist regime."

"What we want now is a democratic Arab Lebanon, which will not be achieved through the Phalangist one-party and the ill-omened one-family (the Jemayels)."

## Sharon's bid to be PM leaves Herut unmoved

**By SARAH HONIG and JOSHUA BRILLIANT**  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

**TEL AVIV.** — Ariel Sharon's declaration yesterday that he intends to seek Herut's nomination for the prime ministership did not cause any stir in the party. He seems only to have said what Herut members knew to be the case.

Sharon threw his hat into the ring when he told a student audience at Bar-Ilan University: "I will compete for the post of prime minister on behalf of the Herut movement."

Asked by *The Jerusalem Post* later whether there was any significance to the timing of his announcement, Sharon said he had merely replied to a question which had not been invited.

What is feared in Herut is Sharon's reaction if he fails to get the nomination. He is seen as a potentially dangerous adversary and Herut politicians have not missed certain comments Sharon made on Wednesday night during a television interview. He was continuing his battle against the Herut leadership. For example, he said: "During the Begin regime there was a clear policy line with regard to Lebanon." This was a way of saying that such is not the case in the Shamir government. He also took a shot at Defence Minister Moshe Arens when he said: "Those who

put their trust in Jumblatt are responsible for the return of terrorists to Beirut."

Begin categorically denied he had been unaware of Sharon's decision to enter West Beirut and that he had covered up for Sharon before the Kahan Commission. Sources close to Begin stressed he had been fully aware of what took place in Beirut and personally approved plans for the Israel Defence Forces to enter the western part of the city in September, 1982. Begin is said to maintain that the entire matter is highly complex and that it is not yet time to reveal all the details.

Herut Party members have anticipated that Sharon would make a bid for the premiership after he launched verbal attacks on Shamir, Arens and others, following his failure to be named head of the Jewish Agency Aliya Department.

But the feeling in Herut is that Sharon stands no chance in his bid for the party's nomination as premier, although he appears to be very popular among members of the large central committee, which votes on candidates. When the Herut slate for the Knesset was chosen in 1981, Sharon came out first in the first round, apart from

Begin who was picked in a separate vote.

But while Sharon is perhaps the central committee's most popular speaker and is greeted there with rousing applause, committee members do not necessarily carry their enthusiasms into the polling booths, where the ballot is secret.

By throwing his hat into the party ring, Sharon could affect the final outcomes by helping or hindering other contenders.

At Bar-Ilan, Sharon was also critical of senior IDF commanders for failing to speak their minds on military questions.

He also lashed out at the opposition and some of the mass communications media. He spoke sarcastically of the "daily" presentation in the media of people who complain about their economic difficulties.

Sharon devoted most of his remarks to attacking potential rivals. Without mentioning them by name he criticized Shamir for lacking a clear policy on Lebanon and Arens for siding with the Druse.

He also took Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori to task for his criticism on Wednesday of the Lebanon war.

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BRUNNEN	10	28	32	Cloudy	
CHICAGO	14	7	34	Cloudy	
COLOGNE	1	34	37	Clear	
FRANKFURT	3	37	41	Rain	
GENEVA	1	34	46	Rain	
HAMBURG	5	33	37	Cloudy	
HONG KONG	11	22	33	Clear	
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MAHOUT	4	39	54	Clear	
MUMBAI	18	11	12	Cloudy	
NEW YORK	7	19	33	Cloudy	
OSLO	8	18	24	Clear	
PARIS	7	18	24	Clear	
PRINCE OF JORDAN	22	22	37	Clear	
SAO PAULO	20	28	32	Cloudy	
STOCKHOLM	1	20	28	Cloudy	
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**THE WEATHER**

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	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	37	8-15	15
Golan	91	7-14	13
Nahariya	98	12-20	20
Safed	98	6-11	13
Haifa Port	94	13-18	19
Tiberias	42	10-22	23
Nazareth	42	10-22	23
Afula	53	12-18	20
Shimon	46	9-16	16
Tel Aviv	42	12-19	20
B-G Airport	49	10-19	20
Jericho	35	11-23	24
Gaza	40	10-20	20
Beer Sheva	32	9-20	21
Eilat	37	9-23	24

**DEPARTURES**

The Pilgrims to the Holy Land tour from the Western part of the U.S., organized by the regional director of the American-Israel Friendship League, Roz Duman, after a one-week visit.

## Fire breaks out by TA bus station

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A large fire broke out late last night among fruit and vegetable stands in Rehov Hashomron, which adjoins the central bus station.

Many firemen were still fighting to contain the blaze at midnight, by which time several dozen of the area's many merchandise stalls were ablaze.

Many police units sealed off the station area and the Electric Corporation cut the neighbourhood's power.

The police reportedly suspect arson.

## Police in Herzliya fight fire during strike

HERZLIYA (Itim). — A strike of firefighters ended here at 2 p.m. yesterday, but an apartment fire one and a half hours earlier had to be extinguished by policemen after the firefighters refused to work.

The strike began Wednesday when the firefighters did not receive their January salaries as a result of a dispute involving the local firefighters association and the Income Tax Department. The strike ended when Herzliya Mayor Eli Landau promised that the municipality would pay the January salaries in the form of a loan.

## Klarsfeld going after Mengele in Paraguay

SANTIAGO (Reuters). — Nazi-hunter Beate Klarsfeld left Chile for Paraguay yesterday to look for Josef Mengele, the Nazi doctor who carried out murderous genetic experiments on Jews held at the Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II.

## Meeting urges Syria to let Jews emigrate

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A solidarity meeting with Syrian Jews, sponsored by the Public Council to Rescue Jews in Arab Countries, was held yesterday in Beit Sokolov, the Foreign Ministry Information Department, 40 days after the murder of Lillian Abadi and her two daughters in Aleppo.

Speakers at the meeting included Knesset Member Mordechai Ben-Porat, Tel Aviv-Jaffa Sephardi Chief Rabbi Haim David Halevy and Moshe Gilboa, head of the Foreign Ministry's Diaspora Department. All the speakers called on Syria to let Jews leave and urged other nations to put pressure on Damascus.

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## HOME NEWS

### Kohl facing criticism over Saudi arms deal

BONN (Reuters). — German Federal Republic Chancellor Helmut Kohl yesterday came under fire over possible arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

Opposition Social Democratic (SPD) deputy floor leader Horst Ehmke told parliament that arms deals with the Saudis would make the GFR an indirect participant in the region's conflicts.

The only beneficiary of arms sales to Saudi Arabia would be the West German weapons industry lobby, he added.

During his trip to Israel last month, Kohl sparked anger by refusing to rule out future arms sales to Saudi Arabia, which is in a state of war with Israel.

The chancellor told the house that he had achieved his twin goals of improving relations with Israel, and following a trip last year to several Arab countries, of forming a first-hand impression of the Middle East.

But he stressed that decisions on West German arms sales are a matter for the GFR, adding: "I am convinced that none of the weapons systems that might be delivered to Saudi Arabia will ever be used in an attack against Israel."

The GFR has told the Saudis they will not be sold the advanced Leopard-2 tank, but has left open the question of sales of other weapons, including the Gepard anti-aircraft tank.

During extensive talks with Kohl, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and

other officials "very impressively voiced their concern about possible German weapons exports to Saudi Arabia," the chancellor said.

Ehmke also attacked the presence in Kohl's official plane to Israel of Austrian propagandist Kurt Ziesel, author of anti-Semitic works during the Hitler era.

Kohl had earlier departed from his prepared text to reject criticism of Ziesel's presence as "SPD hypocrisy."

The chancellor, who during his Israeli trip declined personal responsibility for the World War II German massacre of the Jews on the grounds that he was only 15 at the end of the war, said he had only got to know Ziesel in 1959.

For the radical Greens Party, Juergen Reents said the government's treatment of the Nazi past was casual, macabre and dangerous, and he accused Kohl of protecting Ziesel.

Ziesel, born in Austria in 1911, was a journalist on the notorious *Voelkischer Beobachter*, for which he wrote numerous inciting articles against Jews. In one article in 1934, he attacked "the flourishing of Jewish sub-humanity."

In Tel Aviv yesterday, a group of about 20 young members of the Herut movement demonstrated outside the German Embassy against the proposed arms sale to Saudi Arabia. The group presented the acting ambassador with a petition signed by 27 Knesset members who oppose the sale.

### Police to start Levinson inquiry Sunday

By ROBERT ROSENBERG

Tat Nitzav Binjamin Siegel, head of the Israel Police fraud squad, has been assigned to investigate the allegations of misconduct against Ya'acov Levinson, former head of Bank Hapoalim.

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir, who this week was given the documentation of the bank's investigation, transferred the papers to the police yesterday, saying that it was up to them to investigate. Zamir, however, gave no indication whether he believed there was

anything worth investigating in the material gathered by the bank's own investigators.

According to police sources, Siegel's squad, based in Jaffa, is to start handling the inquiry on Sunday. Until yesterday they had not seen any material regarding what has become known as the Levinson Affair.

Siegel's squad is not expected to limit its investigation to the material prepared by the bank's internal investigators. Police sources last night refused to speculate as to how long the fraud squad's investigation might take.

### Maccabi TA out of basketball cup

By DON GOULD

TEL AVIV. — "Our time has come," was the cry of Hapoel Ramat Gan as they eliminated Maccabi Tel Aviv last night 80-76 in the semifinals of the State Cup.

This will be the first time in eight years that Maccabi will not be in the finals.

Hapoel led 46-37 at the half, thanks to fine playing by Avigdor Moscovitz and the brilliant shooting of Or Goren.

Maccabi fought back in the second half and tied the game several times, but could never gain the lead, as the winners kept pulling away.

Or Goren ended with 24 points. Steve Kaplan and Art Hauser had 16 each. Aulcie Perry was best for Maccabi with 23.

In the other semifinal, Hapoel Tel Aviv, led by Pinny Hozze's 24 points, put four players in double numbers and wore down Maccabi Ramat Gan 93-78.

### U.S. SHELLING

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was, but a Lebanese government official here said 30 military positions were hit in the mountains, including a Syrian Army headquarters at Hammama, about 24 kilometres east of Beirut.

U.S. Navy jets yesterday staged repeated reconnaissance runs over the city and neighbouring hills, apparently surveying the damage caused by the U.S. naval bombardment of artillery positions in the central Lebanese mountains on Wednesday.

Four U.S. military helicopters yesterday airlifted approximately 50 American Embassy "low-level staffs and dependents" to U.S. ships offshore, Brooks said. This brought to about 140 the overall total of U.S. civilian evacuees since Tuesday.

U.S. helicopters also are to airlift about 150 British citizens today from the seafloor facing the British and American embassies to the Greek Cypriot ferryboat Sol Georgie, which is waiting near the Christian port of Jounieh, 20

kilometres north of Beirut, British officials said.

The state radio said Saudi Arabian and Turkish Embassy diplomats and dependents yesterday crossed to East Beirut in a special 17-car convoy, presumably to travel overland to neighbouring Syria.

A Middle East Airlines jet yesterday afternoon made a quick dash into Beirut and out again, depositing a load of 65 passengers, about three-fourths of whom were journalists, and returned to Cyprus.

The stepped-up involvement of the Sixth Fleet coincided with the virtual dissolution of the Multinational Force, after about 18 months in Lebanon.

The small British contingent hastily abandoned Beirut early Wednesday morning, while U.S. marines began their evacuation to Sixth Fleet ships. Italy has announced it would gradually withdraw its troops to its warships, but France has announced its soldiers are staying for now. (AFP, Reuters, AP)

### Workers protest against party man's getting job

HAIFA. — The local employees of the Transport Ministry yesterday protested against the appointment of a Herut party activist as new controller of road transport in Haifa and the North.

The works committee complained to this labour council that none of the seven candidates who applied for the job, had been chosen, whereas Zvi Yanovitz, who had not applied, got the job.

### Widow killed crossing Netanya street

NETANYA (Itim). — A widow of 67, Berna Itzkovitz, was killed last night when a car hit her while she was crossing Sderot Ben Zvi here. She is survived by two daughters, both residents of this city. The driver of the car is also a Netanya man.

Shmuel Glicko, 45, of Ashkelon were seriously injured and the five passengers were lightly injured. All seven were taken to hospital in Ashkelon where they were reported out of danger. The police are investigating.

In Ashkelon, 46 drivers had their licences suspended for between two months and a year by the local traffic court. The court also imposed fines of up to IS15,000 on the 167 drivers brought before it.

### Louis Wigoder dies at 93 in England

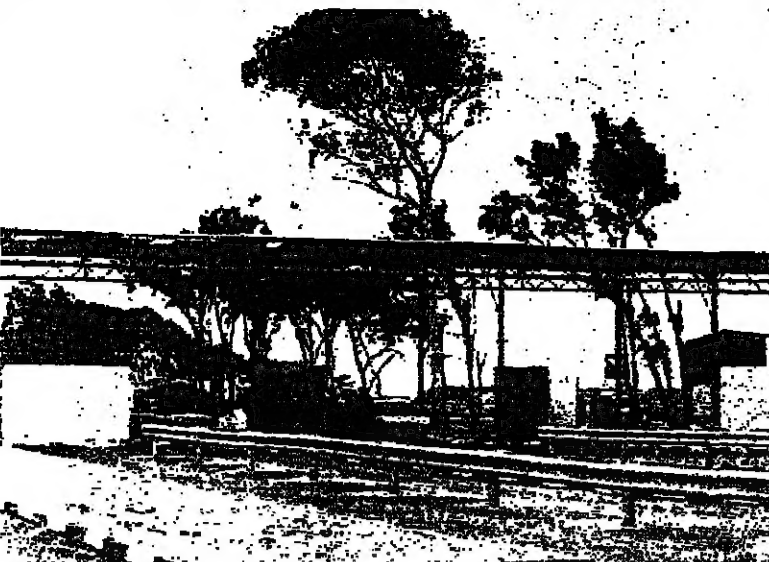
Jerusalem Post Staff

Louis Wigoder, a leading member of the Leeds Jewish community and the Netzah Israel Mesorati Congregation in Ashkelon, died in England this week at age 93.

Wigoder was born in Dublin in 1891. He was the first Jewish dentist to graduate from Dublin University and became the first Jewish dentist to set up a practice in Leeds. He founded the local Jewish youth

group, introduced the B'nai B'rith youth organization into England and held the post of vice-president of the British Association of Jewish youth.

Wigoder settled in Ashkelon with his wife Ruby in 1967. He leaves a son, Geoffrey, who is the editor of the *Encyclopaedia Judaica*; a daughter, Thelma, a British actress; and two grandchildren.



This recently opened IDF terminal for traffic crossing the Awali River, just south of the Awali Bridge, will enable security authorities to search vehicles quickly and efficiently, thus limiting the smuggling of arms and ammunition from the north to the area under Israeli control. (Hersh Goodman)

### Rumour of gangster's burial bans Clal Centre to Cohanim

By ROBERT ROSENBERG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rumours that a gangland slaying victim is buried in the foundations of the Jerusalem high-rise Clal commercial centre have reached the Orthodox community, raising questions whether this makes the building a "cemetery."

The chief rabbis of Jerusalem have been asked to deliver an opinion on the subject and several leading Orthodox figures have contacted the police to find out if the rumours are true. Meanwhile, many Cohanim, forbidden by virtue of their priestly ancestry to enter a cemetery, have been avoiding the building in Jaffa Road.

The police have not confirmed the rumour.

The report started circulating after the arrest last month of Micha Aslan and Avner Koi, two suspected leaders of the Jerusalem underworld who are both in police

custody awaiting indictment for murder.

According to the rumour, one of four missing Jerusalem underworld members, who are believed to have been murdered in the late 1970s and early 1980s, was dumped into a cement mixture that was poured into the foundations of the building as it neared completion at the time.

According to the Orthodox weekly tabloid, *Erev Shabat*, the burial society "learned that in the course of interrogation of the two suspects," one of them confessed that there is a body beneath the Clal Centre.

Reliable police sources have denied this to *The Jerusalem Post* in the past. Nevertheless, the burial society has warned Cohanim about the possibility of ritual contamination if they enter the building.

Meanwhile, the two chief rabbis of Jerusalem have undertaken their own investigations and are expected to issue an opinion soon. *Erev Shabat* reported.

### Defence Ministry workers end sanctions

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Defence Ministry employees yesterday ended their sanctions after nearly two months, but said it will take weeks to get rid of the work backlog.

Details were not disclosed of the agreement reached between the ministry Director-General Menahem Meron and Eliahu Reiff, of the Clerks Union.

The sanctions put enterprises up against liquidity problems and some

were unable to pay workers their wages. Zalman Shalev of the Manufacturers Association said. The ministry has promised compensation for delayed payments, he added. The amount involved is still unknown.

*The Jerusalem Post* has learned that the workers will get a "standby allowance" — as a percentage of their pay — beginning April 1. They did not succeed in reversing a cut in overtime pay. *The Post* was told.

### 'PLO state' document at Arab mayors' meeting

By YOEL DAR

Special to The Jerusalem Post

NAZARETH. — Israel's immediate withdrawal from the West Bank and the Gaza District and the establishment of a Palestinian state under PLO leadership was called for in a document distributed at a conference of Arab local council chairmen held in Shfaram on Wednesday.

Rakah said the proposal was unanimously accepted, but participants belonging to the Alignment and other non-communist organizations said they had not voted on the proposal.

The Mayor of Kafr Yassif, Nimer Murkous, a member of Rakah,

claimed the document reflects the opinion of all Arab mayors.

Three years ago acting Defence Minister Menachem Begin forbade Arab representatives from holding a congress in Nazareth to approve a similar document.

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The funeral will take place today, Friday, February 10, 1984, at 2.00 p.m. at the kibbutz cemetery.

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there will be a memorial service and unveiling of the tombstone at 11.00 a.m. at the Beersheba Cemetery.

Abe, Judy and Marion DUMAN

### Warden arrests policeman after Ramallah stone throwing

By ROBERT ROSENBERG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The warden of the Ramallah prison, Rav-Kala' Mufit Abas, was injured yesterday in a rock-throwing incident that ended with the appointment of a police inquiry into the conduct of a local policeman, an official source reported last night.

Abas, 36, was driving through the centre of Ramallah when a rock hurled by a youth crashed through his windshield and struck his chest. Despite his injuries, Abas got out of his car, gun drawn, and waded into a crowd of youths from which the stone was thrown to find the culprit. After a chase through the town's streets, he caught the youth and handed him over to a local policeman.

But as Abas was driving away to have his injuries treated, he noticed that the youth had escaped custody. The warden again set chase, using

his car to seek the suspect in the town. He again apprehended the teenager, and again handed the youth over to the same policeman. And again as he began leaving, he noticed that the youth managed to get away.

Suspicious that the policeman, a local Arab, may have been deliberately releasing the suspect, the warden this time dragged the policeman into his car and drove to the local police station. After hearing Abas' account of the events, the local officer in charge of the Ramallah police station contacted division chief Sgan-Nitzav David Cohen, who appointed an internal inquiry to determine if there was any wrongdoing on the part of the local policeman, a police source said last night.

Abas, meanwhile, received first-aid treatment for his injuries, at Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus, and was released.

### Birzeit U. students protest closure

Jerusalem Post Staff

Students at Birzeit University held a rally for four hours yesterday to protest against the closure of their main university campus and in support of anti-government forces in Lebanon.

Protesters pitched three tents near the cluster of half-finished buildings of Birzeit's new campus after the Israel Defence Forces locked the iron gates of the old campus, which normally accommodates 1,400 of the 2,200 students.

The IDF closed the school

February 2. University President Gaby Baramki yesterday accused the IDF of deliberately disrupting studies at the university. "If the army would refrain from coming to the university, no problems would arise," he told reporters.

Meanwhile, stones were thrown at several Israeli vehicles and Border Police vehicles passing through the centre of Nablus yesterday morning. No one was hurt and no damage was caused.

### UN complains to IDF about 'wild' Lebanese militiamen

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — UN headquarters in Nakoura yesterday submitted a strongly worded protest to the Israel Defence Forces against the "insufferable running wild" of armed members of South Lebanon militias, some of whom belong to the organization of the late Major Sa'ad Haddad.

The most serious incident, according to the UN, occurred yesterday near the village of Shaghal in South Lebanon. A dozen armed militiamen stopped two UN trucks of the Ghana contingent, which were carrying food, and tried to hijack them. The Ghansians resisted and firing and fist fights broke out.

One militiaman was seriously wounded and two others were arrested by the UN. A UNIFIL helicopter evacuated the wounded militiaman to the UN hospital at Nakoura, where he underwent an operation.

UNIFIL spokesman Timor Goksel said that recently the militias supported by the IDF have lost all control and have been running wild in South Lebanon, "like cowboys." The unavoidable consequences of such behaviour is the

spilling of blood, which the UNIFIL is there to prevent, said Goksel. Goksel cited three incidents this week in which militiamen attacked patrols by the Irish and Finnish contingents. Only at the last minute was bloodshed prevented, Goksel said.

"We report all such incidents to the IDF. This time we submitted a strong protest to the IDF, since it is clear to us that the militias operate under the protection of the IDF and that the IDF can impose discipline on them and cool things off," Goksel said.

IDF sources confirmed that a number of incidents have occurred between Shi'ite militias and UNIFIL units.

**Correction** — A clause from a statement by police Inspector-General Avigdor Reiff, concerning the Karf Report, was inadvertently dropped in yesterday's *Jerusalem Post*. The complete quote should have said: "The only way to provide law enforcement in the territories that would compare favourably to the law enforcement in the State of Israel (inside the Green Line) would be to annex the areas, or impose Israeli law there."

On the thirtieth day after the passing of my beloved husband, our dear father, father-in-law and brother-in-law

**LEON FRENKEL** ז"ל

We will hold a graveside memorial service and tombstone-unveiling ceremony on Monday, February 13, 1984 at 3 p.m. at the Kiryat Shaul cemetery. Bus transport at 2.30 p.m. from the residence of the deceased, 26 Kikar Hamedina, corner Hevra Hadasha, Tel Aviv.

The Family

A memorial gathering will be held on Sunday, February 12, 1984 at 7.30 p.m. at Beit Kalish, 5 Rehov Menne, Tel Aviv.

With great sorrow we announce the passing of our dear mother, grandmother, and great grandmother

**HEDWIG PLASCHKES**

in her old age.

The funeral will take place today, Friday, February 10, 1984, at 11.30 a.m. at the Nahalat Yitzhak cemetery.

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## HOME NEWS

## Falashas suffer in absorption muddles

By LIOA MORIEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Pandora's box that was opened at Monday's anthropology conference in Beersheba, some officials have said unofficially, may be the best way to highlight the plight of Ethiopian olim. "If I were not bound by government regulations, I would shout as loudly," was a typical comment.

The box was opened by two anthropologists: Michael Ashkenazi of Ben-Gurion University and Jeffrey Halper of the Hebrew University. Both deplored the absorption agencies' efforts to hasten the integration process artificially. "Most of the Ethiopian Jews have never even left their village before, and therefore have no experience in processes of change," said Ashkenazi. "The olim develop a total dependency and are afraid to complain."

At first both the Jewish Agency and the Absorption Ministry declined to comment on allegations made at the conference, but once they caused a stir in the news media, they were quick to retaliate. "We have developed a project especially suited to the Ethiopians and we are conscientiously avoiding all the mistakes that may have been made in handling the last wave of refugees in the 1950s," Yoram Dori, a Jewish Agency spokesman, told *The Jerusalem Post*.

But Halper is not convinced. "The agencies are trying to destroy the legitimacy of the Ethiopian culture and make them into religious Ashkenazim," he added. "Rabbi Daniel Hadani 'was adopted by Habad,' and now would refuse to eat in his father's home in Ethiopia because it might not be sufficiently kosher — even though the father 'is one of the main Keshim (religious leaders) in Ethiopia.'"

Halper said there are cases of poverty and even hunger in the absorption centre in Beersheba, and an alarming number of attempted suicides due to depression brought on by the "total dependency" the centre breeds.

"If you try to hasten the process of absorption you get fragmentation and depression," he said. The natural absorption process would take "two or three generations."

Dori categorically stated that there were no attempted suicides in the past two years and that the one suicide and one murder that did take place were caused not by depression but by family problems. "Nobody treats them as primitives, and there is no hunger. Some have even lost money on the stock market. I think our people are doing everything to ensure that past mistakes in the absorption of Oriental Jews are not repeated."

BUT SIFTING through all the

comments from all the officials, on the off the record, the picture that emerges is of a subtle battle between the Jewish Agency and the Absorption Ministry. Officially, there is great cooperation on all levels, but in reality there are many snags.

One of the problems is that the division of labour between the two calls for the Jewish Agency to take care of olim for up to six months, until they move into a flat. In reality, a large number of Ethiopian Jews are still in Jewish Agency absorption centres two and three years after coming. Only 30 per cent of the Ethiopian Jews who have arrived since 1980 have moved into apartments.

To discount allegations that these olim do not get proper schooling after arrival, Dori said that 31 of the Ethiopians are in institutions of higher learning. But the figure, low as it is, is misleading. Twenty-two of the 31 are at the Practical Engineering College in Beersheba where, Halper said, they learn only basic mechanical skills in special classes. The treatment is often patronizing — the absorption agencies feel that they know best what is good for the newcomers.

The sharpest criticism is reserved for the allegedly insufficient efforts made by the government to help bring the Ethiopian Jews to Israel. Halper, an activist in the Union for

Saving Ethiopian Jewish Families, said that many Jews still remain in Ethiopia. The government must negotiate directly or indirectly with the Ethiopian government, with which Israel has trade ties, for the release of the Jews left behind. "But I don't think the issue is very high up on the agenda," he said sadly.

Dori categorically denies the allegation, saying that Israel is doing everything it can to bring as many Ethiopian Jews as possible to the country.

As one official noted, the Ethiopians are "truly Zionists" who have wanted to come to live in Israel for over 30 years, but the government has thwarted them in the past because of Halachic uncertainties about their Jewishness. (In 1973, the chief rabbis declared them Jewish, and in 1975 it was agreed that the Law of Return applies to them as well.) Perhaps the pattern of rejection is hard to shake.

All sides seem genuinely eager to absorb the Ethiopian Jews properly, but goodwill without good faith is not always enough. There are still many preconceived notions at play, and perhaps, as Halper had suggested to his colleagues at the conference, the best way of resolving the matter is for anthropologists to act as brokers between the absorption agencies and the confused and baffled new olim.

## Lewis expresses hope about free-trade pact

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Despite opposition in the U.S. from unions and business men to establishing a free trade area with Israel, American Ambassador Samuel Lewis voiced "cautious optimism" that an agreement will be reached.

Speaking at a seminar on U.S.-Israel trade along with Lewis, Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patai was also hopeful about the creation of the free-trade area. Patai, responsible for negotiations on the matter with Washington, said Israel exported \$1.25 billion worth of goods to the U.S. in the past year, and the annual figure might increase to about \$5b. in the next few



Samuel Lewis

years. The latter, he said, would still be a tiny portion of total U.S. imports.

"I'm sure that Israel will receive the support of the majority of the American people as a result of the public hearings now being held," Patai said. He is also confident that Congress will show similar support.

Lewis said it is the first time the U.S. is negotiating with only one country on a free-trade area. This, he added, will most likely change American trade policy worldwide. He said the move reflects the free-trade philosophy of the Reagan administration.

The decision to enter into these negotiations is not just something involving Israel but a signal to other trading partners that the Reagan administration wishes to move away from multilateralism in the direction of freer trade with individual countries in other parts of the world as well," Lewis said. "This is therefore a pilot project, and a very important one from the point of view of our government."

Lewis, however, said the issue is a complicated one, and since it is a new departure for the U.S., there are pitfalls along the way. He did not state what they were.

Patai said there is a political angle to the present negotiations. "We do not want to live forever on U.S. aid," he said. If Israel were given the "right tools" to strengthen its economy, it could be economically independent by the end of the decade.

## Gateway to Jerusalem going into final stage

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The western entrance to Jerusalem — the busiest intersection in the capital — will adopt a new traffic pattern on Tuesday that is to continue until final changes go into effect in the summer.

The \$300 million project aims at easing bottlenecks in the area, through which 40,000 vehicles pass every day. It is funded by the municipality, the Finance and Construction ministries and the Ministerial Committee on Jerusalem.

Starting Tuesday, private vehicles will not be permitted to enter Jaffa Road from the western edge of the city. Only buses and taxis will have access, thus turning the section of Jaffa Road between Rehov Yirmiyahu and Rehov Sarei Yisrael into a virtual extension of the central bus station.

Work began last July, and the third stage is to begin Tuesday. Completion of the whole project by the Public Works Department is scheduled for June or July.

Drivers of private vehicles entering the city from the west who want to travel east will have to go via Sderot Shazar, past Binyanei Ha'uma. Cars going north on Sderot Herzl will continue to detour past Television House via Sarei Yisrael

and Rehov Shmargar to Yirmiyahu until the completion of the project, in order to drive north or to exit the city.

All Egged bus stops in Sderot Weizmann that existed before the project began will return to their original locations on Tuesday. Stops for routes 25, 35, 36, 37, 50, 52, 071, 072, 073, 075, 468 and 471 will be relocated in Jaffa Road opposite the central bus station.

Doron Rachlevsky of the municipal engineering department told *The Jerusalem Post* that all government and municipal authorities cooperated in an exemplary manner in reaching the third stage, while keeping disturbances to the heavy traffic flow to a minimum. She praised Avimar Gil, director of the PWD in Jerusalem, for his day-and-night presence on the scene.

A landscape architect has been involved since the outset of the project to ensure the esthetic planting of trees, flowers and bushes throughout the intersection. Old olive trees uprooted from the park near the Rav Kook Institute are to be replanted elsewhere.

Police will be on hand Tuesday morning to ensure a smooth transition to the new stage. In case of severely inclement weather, the changeover will be postponed for a few days.

## Ethiopia's 25,000 Jews on display as tourist attraction

By BARRY SHACHTER

ADDIS ABABA (AP). — The Jews of Ethiopia, despite claims that they are the target of persecution, are on display as a local curiosity for tour groups after having been cut off from foreign contact earlier this decade.

An American tourist said that one of the Jews' villages, Waleka, on the outskirts of the provincial capital of Gondar, "was part of the city tour along with the castle." Visitors freely browse about the dusty village, where distinctive black pottery is offered for sale.

But authorities recently placed

villages off limits to reporters seeking to investigate alleged human rights violations raised in the Western news media during the past year. Charges included detention, torture and even killings of Jews trying to emigrate to Israel, closure of synagogues and "forced cultural assimilation."

"There is no persecution of the Falashas but we don't want anything more written about them," asserted a senior official of the Ministry of Information and National Guidance, using the common but somewhat pejorative term for the country's estimated 25,000

Jews. Explaining the newly introduced ban on journalists, the official said too much communication media attention has already been focused on sub-Saharan Africa's only indigenous Jewish community. He cited a French television programme aired last year that he said the government found biased.

Many of the allegations published abroad concern human rights violations by the top government administrator in Gondar Province, Malaku Teferra.

One diplomatic source said he had been to Gondar, more than 700

kilometres north of here, where most Ethiopian Jews live, and was told of numerous atrocities committed by Malaku.

But the informant, who declined to be identified, said "Malaku persecuted followers of all religions. He apparently was trying to curry favour with the regime by appearing zealous."

Jewish groups from Israel, Canada and the U.S. have returned from Gondar with divided views on the situation. Some independent observers say the Jews' greatest misfortune is living in an impoverished area torn by political strife.

## Weizmann Institute scientists helped research

## Int'l team finds new link between cancer, normal growth

REHOVOT. — An international team of scientists has found a new link between hormone-like substances called "growth factors," which are necessary for normal cell growth, and cancer-producing genes. This link gives great insight into how these genes, called "oncogenes," may cause cells to grow uncontrollably.

The studies were carried out by scientists from the Weizmann Institute of Science (led by Dr. J. Schlessinger), the Imperial Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) in Britain (led by Dr. M. Waterfield) and Genentech Incorporated in the U.S. (led by Dr. A. Ullrich). The studies were described in a series of lectures this week at the Weizmann Institute. They are also reported upon

in yesterday's issue of *Nature* and suggest that a defective growth factor receptor is part of the mechanism whereby an animal virus produces leukemia in chickens.

The new link extends the important discovery made recently, at the ICRF and the U.S., which showed that a growth factor normally used by the body in wound repair may, when altered, be involved in certain kinds of cancer.

"Growth factors" are small proteins that act as "keys" to turn on the normal growth of cells. They do this by fitting into a "lock," or "growth factor receptor," on the surface of a cell (similar to starting a car with an ignition key). Each different type of cell, such as a brain or a liver cell, can have different sets

of locks and keys which control their growth.

This new research suggests that a virus may be able to bypass the need for the key (growth factor) by making a modified version of the lock that is permanently switched on, with the result that it delivers the message to grow continuously.

The particular key involved in the normal process is called "epidermal growth factor." The virus which makes the abnormal lock is called "Avian Erythroblastosis virus." The information to make the defective lock is contained within the oncogene known as "ERB-B" that is carried by the virus.

The research also showed that a related, but defective version of the receptor (lock) is carried by a virus.

The scientists involved comment: "The work is still incomplete because we do not know how the defective lock (receptor) actually starts the cell multiplication mechanism going. But the implications for new basic research studies are enormous. The results help us very considerably to understand how cells are stimulated to grow abnormally by oncogenes, of which more than 20 are now known. "ERB-B" is one of a family of eight oncogenes, including that associated with the original cancer-causing virus discovered more than 70 years ago by Peyton Rous. This new discovery gives new clues not only to the function of ERB-B but also to that of this major set of related oncogenes."

## DAVID LANDAU reports from Buenos Aires:

## 'Wanted' Argentine military attache safe and sound here

The missing-presumed-dead Argentine military attache in Israel, who was reported to be wanted in Argentina for murder and torture, is neither missing nor dead, nor are there any charges against him. The man, Colonel Mario Fornari, is back in Buenos Aires, awaiting a new assignment from army headquarters, having completed his two-year stint in Tel Aviv on December 31 as scheduled.

In an interview this week, the colonel said he had been authorized

by the new chief of staff of the Argentine Army to tell *The Jerusalem Post* "that I'm here, that I'm not on the run, and that there are no charges against me from anywhere in the country." He had received special authorization to speak: army officers have been banned by the Alfonsín government from making any public statements.

"We made many good friends in Israel," Mario and his wife Maria de Fornari told *The Post*. "It is terribly important to us that they do not have wrong, bad information about us."

Early in January, *The Post*, in common with other Israeli newspapers, published an item news agency report that Fornari was "wanted by his government on suspicion of... torture and murder..." according to press reports from Argentina.

The origin of the press reports appears to have been a little-known

newspaper in Cordoba province, *Noticias*. In a front-page splash-story last December 20, *Noticias* cited a local ex-judge, Jose Gariboglio of Belleville, who alleged that Fornari had been "involved" in human rights abuses in Cordoba Province during the mid-seventies.

The *Noticias* story said the judge had accused Fornari of conniving at his (the judge's) ouster from office, and in the atrocities of a local "commando" hit-group linked to the notorious "Triple A" rightist terror organization of Peronist strongman Jose Lopez-Rega.

Four days later, far less prominently, *Noticias* published a disclaimer from the judge. The judge had come to the paper's offices, the second story said, to state that Fornari was "at no time involved in para-military commando activities nor other abuses." The

first story had not reflected what he had said to the paper, Gariboglio added.

Fornari said he was strictly forbidden by the ban on army interviews to answer any of the *Post*'s questions on his actual role in anti-subversion operations in Cordoba. He stressed repeatedly that no one had presented any accusations or charges against him, and he seemed confident that his record could stand scrutiny in the ongoing purge of military officers guilty of human rights abuses during the years of junta dictatorship.

The Israel Embassy here in Buenos Aires seems confident, too, that Fornari's career will go forward unblemished.

Ambassador Dov Schmorak and Military Attache Eliezer Segov have gone out of their way to be courteous and helpful to Fornari since his return.

## Burglary suspect hoaxed his victims

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A couple who went to the police station to recover a stolen handbag, returned to find their apartment looted. The police yesterday arrested a man suspected of stealing the bag, telephoning the couple to tell them to collect the bag from the police, then breaking into the apartment as soon as the couple left.

Detectors on a routine patrol noticed a suspicious-looking car in Matzlion Street yesterday morning. Inside the car they found a video set wrapped in a blanket, a woman's handbag filled with documents, and other items, all thought to be stolen.

The car had been stolen from a Kiryat Bialik resident on Monday, and the handbag and video set had been stolen from the apartment of a couple in Givatayim. The police arrested a 28-year-old man living in Matzlion Street, after finding video

cassettes stolen from the same couple in his apartment.

The man is suspected of stealing the handbag from the couple's apartment on Monday night. Then, the police believe, he phoned them Tuesday morning pretending to be a policeman, and asked them to collect the handbag from Mesubim police station. The handbag had \$540,000 cash in it, as well as the documents.

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## Hammer: NRP may split if relations don't improve

By SARAH HONIG

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Education and Culture Minister Ze'evulun Hammer warned yesterday that the National Religious Party might split, with his faction going one way and the Lamiñe faction headed by Interior Minister Yosef Burg going the other.

Hammer was speaking at a meeting of his faction members for the first time since he suffered a heart attack some two months ago.

He hoped the warring factions of the NRP might yet manage to iron out their differences and stand united in the next elections. However, "if there are no significant changes from the way things are, there might be no alternative but to run on two different tickets," Hammer said.

The changes that Hammer considers essential are "in the party's direction, in its priorities, in its leadership and in its internal relations. If these do not significantly change, a split may be unavoidable."

In the event of a split, he said, he would call on "serious public figures from the national-religious community, who might not have been closely involved in politics in recent years, to lend a hand to set up a new list." This plan is known in NRP circles as "the beautiful NRP plan. Its chief aim is to attract well-known rabbis, educators, and others around a higher-quality party."

At the same time, the NRP is rife with rumour that the Hammer faction might team up with Tami, since Tami is essentially a breakaway NRP faction. Tami's quarrels seem to be chiefly with the Lamiñe faction.

Reports to this effect are energetically circulated by Tami, but are not corroborated in the Hammer faction.

Both factions are also said to be courting Rabbi Haim Druckman, who bolted from the NRP and now represents Matzad in the Knesset.

## Mistakenly killed Green Patrol warden buried

By LIOA MORIEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Arye Documehi, the Green Patrol warden who was killed by mistake by an Israel Defence Forces patrol in the Gaza District on Wednesday morning, was buried yesterday in Jerusalem's Har Hamenuhot cemetery. Documehi, who was 25, was from Moshav Ajur near Beit Shmesh.

A funeral cavalcade of jeeps, company and private cars with their lights on left the Nature Reserves Authority's building on Rehov Yirmiyahu yesterday afternoon, carrying relatives, friends and colleagues to the cemetery.

The Green Patrol warden who was wounded in the incident, David Davidian of Moshav Patish, is recuperating at Ashkelon's Barzilai Hospital.

OLIM. — About 1,200 olim arrived in January, a drop of 13.5 per cent from the December figure, the Jewish Agency announced yesterday.

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# Sports

## SOCCER PREVIEW

### Leaders look good

By PAUL KOHN  
Post Sports Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — The two National League pacesetters, Be'er Sheva and Hapoel Tel Aviv, both be keen to return to win ways this Saturday. Their chance of winning three points each is very good.

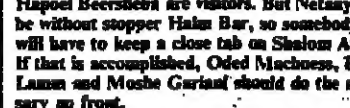
Betar after their defeat in last week, return to the YM ground to entertain Maccabi P

Tikva. Playing against the placed team in the league should make Uri Malmillian, Eli Ohan Hanan Azulai, Danny Neuman Co. a banker bet, though Jerusalemites should be reminded that the same team held Hapo-

Four points behind Betar, Hapoel Tel Aviv have not been looking very good lately. They have not won any of their last three games, picking up only two of a possible nine points. They return to the Bloomfield Stadium to play Hapoel Be'er Sheva.

Yemou, who have a good record at this stage. The Israeli players, including Moshe Sinai, GE Landau, Rifat Turkan and Shabtay Levy will have to find a way to beat the national team goalkeeper Arle Haviv, but their home pitch should be capable of a surprise win.

behind to remind everybody who the re-champions are. Netanyahu have now gone games without defeat, and have won the five in a trot. It looks as if they will reach a dozen in Netanyahu this week, where the s



Maccabi Haifa, in third place, have a trophy game. They host Betar Tel Aviv, a team that can produce some sparkling football as seen in the pack — Nissan Cohen. Any goal is possible in this encounter.

## Mansdorf banned

By JACK LEON  
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Top seeded Andrei Mansdorf has been banned from the remainder of the Israel Tennis Association's annual Snauwa Schone all-stars winter circuit.

because of his "shameful behaviour" last Saturday in the second round of the second leg of the three-tournament series.

who began his military service week, committed his offence-match against Raviv Weiden 13, which Mansdorf eventually 6-2, 6-4 to enter the quarter-final. After a disputed point, Mans-

After a disputed point, Mansoor swore at Weidenfeld, then crossed to the other side of the net to tell his young opponent. In spite of warnings about his conduct, the tournament referee, Herb Greenberg, Mansoor charged him.

his racket and started to argue with the spectators à la McEnroe.

Circuit director Ian Ben-Ami told me last night that at yesterday's emergency meeting of the tournament committee, it was ruled that Mamedorf will be unable to play in either weekend's remaining matches of the circuit.

Mansdorf, who has been criticised in the past for his fiery temper, is a candidate for this

## Handball victory

### Post Sports Staff

Israel's handball team scored another victory when they beat Belgium 22-21 in and so obtained second place in Group 3 of World Handball Championships in Italy.

Had they won 22-20, they would have led the group, but they were penalized in the last minutes of the game for holding the ball too long. Belgium scored.

**MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP).** Fourth-seeded Kevin Curran of South Africa beat Israel's Shlomo Glickstein 6-4, 6-4 in the second round of the U.S. Indoor Tennis Championships.

Championships on Wednesday night. Tim Gullikson stunned No. 1 seed, Yannick Noah 7-6 (9-7), 6-3.

Other winners are Peter Fleming, Teitscher, Wojtek Fibak, Ramesh Krishnan, Ben Testerman, and Jimmy Connors.

## Rugby memorial game

**By JACK LEON**  
TEL AVIV. — The Israel Rugby Football Union's third annual Gary Myers Memorial Match between the Combined Kibbutzim and Combined Universities takes place at 2 tomorrow at the Hebrew University stadium.

Givat Ram, Jerusalem. There will be a candlelight procession between the boys' under-19 teams of Hapoel Ra'anana and Hapoel Yitzra'el, his off at 12.30 p.m. Myers, an outstanding full-back with both his ASA Jerusalem club and national XV, was tragically killed in an accident in 2001 while driving his motorcycle.

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Woerner later defended him

in testimony as the first witness before an all-party inquiry. Economics Minister Count C. Lambsdorff, meanwhile, was due to take his turn before another

parliamentary inquiry, set up to investigate charges that he accepted bribes from the Flick company, a private industrial conglomerate.

right to keep woetner on despite the minister's wrongful dismissal of General Guenter Kiessling, since reinstated after the discrediting of evidence that he frequented homosexual bars.

two North Korean commandos found guilty of the brutal bomb attack on October 9 in which 10 persons, including four South Korean cabinet ministers, were killed.



# Focus



(Above) Spot check of Lebanese cars on the coastal road. (Centre) Unit which has just finished foot patrol near Sidon. (Right) High-powered binoculars in lookout post overlooking city. (Below) Armoured vehicle on patrol in Sidon's 'Death Row'.

Post Defence Correspondent Hirsh Goodman visits an IDF unit serving in Lebanon, and brings back a message.

THE COLD was nothing extraordinary but the wet that permeated every piece of clothing we were wearing made it unbearable.

It was last Tuesday, and we had just completed an early morning patrol down "death row" — Sidon's main street. The young paratroops lit soggy cigarettes with damp matches and slowly hoisted their dripping equipment aboard the turret of a tank that had followed them, machine-guns loaded, down the street. Another morning patrol had been completed. Yoel, the commander, who did not look old enough to be driving a car, let alone a tank, conducted an incomprehensible conversation with someone at the other end of a radio set, and headed for home.

He would not admit to any tension during the patrol, though Tuesday was one of the very few mornings in the six weeks he had been stationed in Sidon that nothing had happened. No grenades, no rocket-propelled anti-tank missiles, no booby-traps in the brush. Not even a small burst of light-arms fire had been directed against them this morning. Yesterday, six incidents had been registered, injuring three. And tomorrow, two more soldiers would be wounded in Sidon.

The patrol was a weird affair. There is no other word for it. Its purpose was to clear the main axis through which Israeli traffic would be passing that day. In order to do so, expert trackers, Yoel, and a few other paratroops walked several hundred yards ahead of the two tanks, gingerly kicking at rusty tins and shooting long bursts of fire at suspicious objects lying conspicuously at the side of the road.

For five hours the exercise continued, the small military contingent being followed by an enormous procession of Lebanese cars, driving behind at less than 10km an hour in an orderly line.

In Sidon, as in other Lebanese towns, the inhabitants seem to have adapted to the reality of tanks and armed men cruising down the main street, taking intermittent pot-shots at possible bombs. They also seem to have got used to the reality of long and disorderly traffic jams as the dozens of checkpoints manned by Israeli troops along the main highways. As if impervious to the sound of gunfire and the sight of men in uniform, the people of Sidon continue with their day-to-day lives, ostensibly unaware of the lunacy around them. Shop-windows are neat and attractive, stacked with the ultimate in high fashion at end-of-season sale prices.

In the cars and minibuses, crawling behind the tanks, children could be seen dressed for school, their uniforms indicating a normalcy incongruous in this environment. Through a second-storey window in a building overlooking Star Circle, at the northern end of the town, one could see medical technicians shaking test-tubes, and squinting through microscopes, looking for germs in the blood and urine of those affluent enough to afford private health services in a sick society.

PERHAPS the most astonishing element in Tuesday morning's ride through Sidon on the back of an Israeli tank was a particular relationship that has developed between the Israelis and the locals. Owing to the fear of car bombs, no

## The Sidon syndrome



parking is allowed along the main streets.

On the other hand, given the absolute lack of public parking facilities in the city of 150,000, residents have little option but to park outside shops and commercial offices, almost all of which are situated along the main road. As the tanks approach, people immediately drop what they are doing, leaving bills unpaid at cash registers and transactions at the bank incomplete, rush to their cars, and start driving aimlessly in the most convenient direction. If they have not been able to get to their cars before the tanks approach, they stand by their vehicles waving bunches of keys to show ownership. In the few cases where a car is not driven away or ownership cannot be established, long bursts of gunfire are shot into the air to summon the tanks, and if still no one appears the vehicle is destroyed.

Some two weeks ago, Yoel and his patrol caused an international incident by blowing an errant vehicle to smithereens. Within minutes were telling the world that an Israeli Merkava tank had run amok in Sidon, shooting in all directions and leaving many injured. The BBC led their Saturday morning and afternoon news bulletins with the story, and the Israeli chief of staff was personally forced to check the incident.

"We had them hopping," Yoel remembered, not without satisfaction. He and his men had not run amok, nor had they injured anyone.

The tank was not even a Merkava, but an antiquated Centurion. What happened, he explained, was that a suspicious car was parked illegally, despite efforts to find the owner, no one in the area would either claim it as theirs or admit to knowing the owner. Not wanting to take any chances, Yoel ordered the car to be blown up. The IDF's way of issuing a parking ticket.

NOT TAKING any chances is the maxim of Yoel and his companions. They serve with a crack paratroop unit moved into Sidon about six weeks ago, with orders to put an end to terror in the area. The decision to send paratroops into the city was taken in December, after Israeli casualties began to mount in the area. Until then, Israel had kept reserve and regular forces in the city, and adopted a defensive posture.

"We were like porcupines, hiding in the night," said Yoel, the unit's commander. "In the six weeks we've been here, we have managed to send the terrorists a clear message: that there is a risk involved in terror. No longer will we wait to be shot at: from now on it's a fair fight. I know that in a fair fight I will

always win. I'm better equipped, better trained and more highly motivated than they are," he said, at the same time admitting that not all the advantages are with the IDF.

"The terrorist," he pointed out, "has better intelligence, in that he can check out a target 50 times before hitting it. He has many eyes here, because he lives here. He also knows this town better than I do, and has the advantage of being able to take the initiative. But there his advantages end, and since I recognize them, and can plan to counter them, in the ultimate analysis it is I who have the edge."

Yom-Tov has done an undeniably good job. While there were over 70 attacks against IDF objectives in the area in January, the number of Israeli casualties has dropped dramatically. At the same time, the number of terrorists killed or apprehended "on the job" has risen.

"The first thing I realized I had to do was break the cycle of conspicuousness," Yom-Tov explained. He began to rotate patrols at unexpected times in unexpected places, seldom using the same roads twice in succession. He made his forces operate in smaller groups, thus creating less of a target, and equipped them for high mobility and instant communication.

They began to know the city inside out, and isolated potential trouble-spots for special attention. Their response to terror attacks became so efficient that recently, when a grenade was thrown at an IDF vehicle at Star Circle, the attacker was dead before the grenade exploded. In less than the four-and-a-half seconds it took from hearing the "pop" of the grenade being aimed to its explosion, the attacker was killed by the crew.

"They now know that they are facing professionals here — not the amateurs before us. Terror against us may not stop, but it will certainly be curtailed," Yom-Tov concluded.

LISTENING to Yom-Tov one hears a dedicated man of around 30, describing his job with professional pride and philosophical conviction. He has been entrusted with a unit of men considered a gem in the IDF, and he does not hide that he considers the command a privilege. We stray from conversation about the specifics of dealing with terror in Sidon to a discussion of other matters. There are others around: Gadi, a platoon commander; Kaplan, a small man whose wind-cheater covers him like a trenchcoat, who is the deputy commander of the battalion; and a sergeant-major who always has something he, but nobody else, thinks funny to say.

The door of Yom-Tov's austere office, overheated by a diesel stove, is constantly opening; the phone and radios never let up.

Why, we ask them, should they be here at all? Albeit one can have nothing but admiration for the way in which they were doing their job — but why does it have to be done? Why occupy Sidon, some 60km from the Israeli border, and turn more and more Lebanese into

enemies by virtue of our occupation, if the Galilee can be protected from Katyusha and artillery attack from less than half that distance?

"It is not for us to question why, but only to do what the democratically-elected government of Israel tells us to do," Yom-Tov replies. "We carry out government policy, for that is our duty."

He won't discuss his personal views or his politics, but says that he

when Gadi called a briefing of a group of men who were going out on a special assignment. Suddenly, the naive that had set the tone of our talk slipped away as the same young men, who moments ago were pleading for understanding and support, began to discuss how they were going to tackle the job.

The plan was laid out, possible death being discussed without passion.

of the road, for a sum equivalent to six months' salary for the average Lebanese.

As Israel prolongs its presence in Lebanon, so the population becomes more hostile. Not because of any specific actions by the Israelis, but by virtue of the friction that must be considered inevitable between those who have to maintain order and security and those who have to pay the price of having their cars searched, their streets turned into endless traffic-jams by slow-moving tanks, their customers frightened away by explosions and machine-gun fire, their homes searched, and the walls around their orchards torn down.

As the threat increases, so will the security measures needed to counter it, and with that, the price the inhabitants will have to pay. The process cannot make for love; only for hostility, perhaps even hatred.

Against this backdrop, the Israeli paratroops operate in Sidon. In order to be effective they have cut themselves off from the logic — or lack of it — dictating their presence there, just as the Israeli forces stationed along the Bar-Lev line did during the War of Attrition.

THE ONLY decoration on the walls of Yom-Tov's office is a neatly lettered sign behind his desk: "Any job at any place at any time."

"That is what guides us here," says Yom-Tov. "We are an elite unit in the army, with years of tradition and an unquestioned dedication to duty. That is the way we were educated, and that is the way we will educate those who come after us. We take pride in what we are, what we represent and how we do it. Take back that message of pride to Israel with you. At least make sure that they know back home that Israel is not being defended by a frightened army."

But Israel is being defended by a confused army. An army unsure of why they, who execute government policy, have become the target of attack — attack from both within and without. And why, no matter how well they do their job, they warrant nothing but criticism. Perhaps it is this confusion that has given birth to a cynicism which, although present wherever men wear uniforms, has somehow never seemed so bitter before. Men speak with pungent sarcasm and conversations are punctuated with black humour.

On the back of his flak jacket a soldier manning a roadblock near the Awali had the following: "Join the army/ see the world/ see a lot of interesting people/ and kill them all."

Since the lines had been inked on in English and not Hebrew, one wondered for whom the message was intended. Apparently the soldier had borrowed the wording from the T-shirt of a Phalange militiaman photographed at Deir al-Kamar some months ago and what was good enough for the Phalange was now, it seems, good enough for us.

Lebanon — the great equalizer.

**'We work around the clock, in an impossible job, and all we get is flak.'**

and his men have been deeply hurt by the way they are being reported in the Israeli press.

"Out there you have some of the bravest and most dedicated men in Israel. They come from all walks of life and all have their own political view. There are kibbutzniks and those who are ideologically opposed to them. But there are two things they have in common — courage and dedication."

He goes on to complain that Israel television, having visited his unit, came back with a story about how frightened the Israeli forces in Sidon were.

"What they did," Gadi explains, "was interview five soldiers. One of them, in answer to a leading question, admitted that he was nervous when on patrol. Well, who wouldn't be? So what do they do? They show only that soldier saying he was nervous, giving the impression that all of us up here are shaking in our boots waiting for the bullet or grenade fragment to hit us. What do you think that does for our morale?" he asked rhetorically.

THE TRUTH IS that the men out there in Sidon are bitter about many things. They don't like to hear Israeli politicians telling them repeatedly that their blood is being spilled in vain and that their young lives are being wasted. They don't like the constant press criticism of what they are doing, and they don't like the eternal contradictory reports reaching them regarding Israel's intentions in Lebanon.

"The lack of support from the home front is making this more difficult than the terrorists," says a young sergeant. "Here I am, up to my neck in mud, not overjoyed at having to go out day after day in battle against an amorphous enemy, and all I hear is criticism. We work around the clock and succeed in doing an impossible job, and all we get is flak. Do you people back there," he asks pointing a thumb in the general direction of Rosh Hanikra, "comfortable in front of the fire and safe behind protected walls, really want us to be demoralized, unwilling to serve the country?"

The conversation came to an abrupt end at around 8.30 p.m.

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FROM THE MOMENT he took over the Treasury, Finance Minister Cohen-Orad has come under fire for his failure to present a comprehensive economic programme within which the various "economic measures" that rapidly followed each other might reveal a consistent set of priorities.

Not only have the opposition and press commentators blasted away at the finance minister; his cabinet colleagues — impelled no doubt by motives of their own, but also by genuine apprehension and confusion — have also clamoured for a policy. They have gone so far as to reduce the traditional competences of the finance minister and to fence him in by setting up the ministerial economic committee as a watchdog.

Most recently, Washington also joined the chorus. After an unprecedented symposium of American officials and academics attended by three Israeli professors of economics, the Americans are still apparently unclear as to where Israel's economic policy is headed. At a congressional hearing on U.S. aid, the State Department "expressed the hope" that the Israeli government would come up with an economic programme.

Cohen-Orad has been rather reticent in the face of all this criticism, and for good reason, for he is, in a way, being done an injustice. He has more professional economic training than any of his predecessors, and has for years made his living as an economic planner and consultant. Nothing would have been easier for him than to prepare a programme, even if he had had to work out the details himself. And in the four months that have gone by since he took office, even a professionally less competent finance minister could have had a plan worked out by his staff.

If Cohen-Orad has done no such thing, and has kept mum in the debate, it is not because he is unable to fit together the pieces of the economic jigsaw puzzle. It is

because he does not want to tie his hands. He knows that not presenting a policy (and even not having one in the drawer) is also a policy.

Economically, it is a policy of putting out brushfires without worrying about the beauty of the landscape; politically, it is a policy of keeping the options open, of pushing through measures that hurt and are politically damaging to his party, but that can be reversed and turned into a political asset within a short time if and when election time comes.

COHEN-ORAD inherited an economy in crisis — a balance of payments crisis apparently much more acute than the general public knows. Of Israel's two economic problems — inflation and a precarious external accounts situation — Yoram Aridor had attempted to tackle the first, at the price of letting the payments balance take care of itself. It might have worked, if Aridor had run down the foreign currency reserves to promote economic growth and exports. It might have worked if he had, together with holding down the exchange rate, adopted an incomes policy, with wage restraint and effective price controls as at least a transition measure, coupled with measures to promote exports and investment.

Aridor, as is well known, did none of that. He squandered several hundred millions of dollars on consumption, on keeping his constituency happy and growing. The cost of the war in Lebanon was not foreseen, and came on top of that. Finally, there was the crash of the bank shares in October, caused by a flight into a foolishly and short-sightedly undervalued foreign currency. The commercial banks lost, as their balance sheets will soon show, some \$400m. in propping up their shares for as long as they could.

Israel's international credit standing — so far always sound,

despite the country's structural problems — began to wobble. Our ability to renew foreign credit lines and keep the economy going was in jeopardy, and still is.

COHEN-ORAD had to reverse course 180 degrees. The Aridorian policy of keeping inflation down on the cost side was abandoned. Instead, inflation was pushed up to an annual rate of 200 per cent. The existing wage indexation system, barely adequate to prevent real wage erosion with an inflation of half that rate, could not prevent a drastic fall of real wages. For the first time in Israel's economic history, a "real" devaluation of significant proportions was achieved. Inflation, so far largely neutralized by comprehensive indexation in its effect on wages and prices, income and wealth, became a real tax. And as inflation does when there is no indexation system, it wiped out some savings. But the main burden fell on wages.

The "beauty" of Cohen-Orad's policy is that it is the policy of taking in a goat, as the rabbi advised the man who complained that with his 10 children the one room in which he lived was intolerably crowded. When the goat made the place even more unlivable, the rabbi's advice was that he should get rid of it — and this, of course, gave the poor man some relief. The inflationary tax that Cohen-Orad has imposed and goes on imposing is a goat that can easily be removed when election time comes round.

Memories being notoriously short, a slowdown of inflation for a few months, a little recovery on the stock market, and a few goodies judiciously distributed here and there will make the smell of the goat quickly forgotten. And the additional beauty of Cohen-Orad's undefined, unstated, but nonetheless purposive policy is that meanwhile, by sending the economy into a recession, it reduces imports and, if the January figures are a pointer towards the near future, diverts to exports some output that cannot be sold locally.

An improved trade balance, in addition to being desirable and necessary in itself, is also a comfortable cushion for going back, if and

## Taking in the goat

Post Economic Editor MEIR MERHAV takes a look at the "one-sided" economic controversy between Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad and his cabinet colleague, Deputy Premier David Levy.



Yigal Cohen-Orad... a man keeping his options open.



David Levy sees the poorest are hit the worst.

when it becomes politically expedient, to a toned-down version of Aridorian vote-buying. Budget cuts that look more draconian than they are, a recession that will let unemployment climb to 7 per cent — as discussed in the Washington symposium — will also help persuade Washington that Israel deserves help because it helps itself.

IN THE ONE-SIDED controversy between Deputy Premier David Levy and Finance Minister Cohen-Orad (who prefers not to answer, at least not in public), it seems that Levy does not quite grasp what Cohen-Orad is after. Levy, like all other ministers, agrees "in prin-

ciple" that the budget must be cut — which means that the cure for the twin ills of the balance of payments gap and inflation (in that order of priority and sequence) is a recession.

While agreeing "in principle," and accepting his share of the collective cabinet responsibility for a policy that has never been spelled out, Levy objects to the social inequity of the results. The poorest, he says quite rightly, are hit worst. The government cannot, he says, jack up the prices of subsidized goods and services, of fuel, water and electric power, every Monday and Thursday. It is intolerable, he says, that a working

man should have to spend as much as one-third of his wages to pay his electricity bill, and that a hot shower should have become a luxury.

True, very true. But it misses the whole point of Cohen-Orad's policy. If the budget is to be cut — without touching debt service, the cost of the Lebanon war (which may become a war with Syria at Washington's behest), the settlements in the occupied areas and the cost of holding the coalition together — then wages have to go down, government services have to be cut, and the subsidies have to be reduced. If subsidies have to be reduced in real terms, the price of the subsidized goods and services must go up faster than the average rate of inflation.

Once we have a real, lasting recession, the rate of inflation is also supposed to come down and at least stabilize itself at some tolerable level. Perhaps, and perhaps not. Where the resources will come from to renew growth out of the slump is not clear. More aid from the U.S.? Israel seems to have reached the ceiling of the aid it can expect, as one State Department official told me a short time ago. A burst of investment in export industries, financed out of shrunken profits, relying on highly trained manpower the supply of which is dwindling as the universities are starved? From borrowed funds, when the foreign debt is already \$22 billion?

David Levy, we may believe, is genuinely concerned about the social injustice of the policy. He is also worried about his constituency. But he puts the cart before the horse. The subtlety of Cohen-Orad's policy is that it is easily reversible, at least for the few months of an election campaign.

Nor is the finance minister totally indifferent to the social aspects of his policy. He must know by now that the cut in real wages has overshot the mark. If he doesn't, the wave of strikes and sanctions will bring the message home. He will therefore, in all likelihood, soon mitigate the erosion of real wages.

DAVID LEVY is not alone in wanting a painless recession. The

thinking in the opposition is not much different, and while everybody is, "in principle," for the renewal of economic growth, most people — including 26 respected professors of economics who a month ago signed an open letter to that effect — swear by the cure-all of reducing the government budget. Very few people care to spell out the fact that it is the government deficit, not the level of its expenditure, that fuels inflation; and that a recessionary policy makes the deficit grow because government revenues shrink before its spending can be cut.

The probable result is a long-lasting stagflation — a notoriously intractable state of affairs, in which it is difficult to discover any dynamic factor that would pull the economy out of the slump — unless there is not merely a change in economic policy in the narrow sense of that term, but a far-reaching reordering of national priorities.

To be specific and concrete: No fiddling around with the exchange rate, fiscal, monetary and financial policy and what-have-you of this category is going to solve our problems. We have had it dinned into our ears for years that "we live beyond our means," and that has now also been said by the State Department at a congressional hearing.

In the accounting sense, that is of course true. But the "beyond" that exceeds our means is not the daily bread we eat, and not even the trip abroad or the colour television set we buy. It is that small nation, still struggling to build itself, has bitten off a chunk of foreign policy and defence that a European power would find difficult to chew. The "beyond" that exceeds our means is Greater Israel, the "war of choice" in Lebanon, the failure to pursue a peace that would eventually enable us to reduce our defence burden.

The controversy between David Levy and Yigal Cohen-Orad does not even come close to these dimensions of the problem. To cope with it, a different government, with an entirely different policy, is a necessary condition. There is, unfortunately, room for doubt whether it is also a sufficient condition.

## Quo vadis?



The New York Metropolitan Museum has agreed to host an Israel Museum archaeological exhibition which the Smithsonian Institute in Washington rejected after accepting it after the New York Museum rejected it originally.

If you're confused, imagine the poor fellow schlepping the 320 pieces back and forth.

The controversial rigmarole is due to the inclusion of 11 pieces from the Rockefeller Museum in East Jerusalem. The Smithsonian cited a policy against artifacts from "disputed territory," while the Met's original rejection was due to "security concerns," a diplomatic catch-phrase that Israeli officials are grimly familiar with. So, as it now stands, the exhibition will be held sometime in 1985. In New York. Or Washington. Or perhaps wherever they can find a parking spot.

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## A showcase of compromise

ANOTHER CRISIS averted, with a lot of heavy breathing at the finish-line. This time it was Beth Hatefutsoth, the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora. The government had suspended its funding, which amounted to about 40 per cent of the annual budget, on January 1, and the management announced that the museum would close on February 1. A compromise was negotiated on January 31.

At the centre of the controversy was a work contract the museum signed with its employees — for the period 1982-84 — in violation of a commitment to the government that it would not increase salaries or expand staff without prior approval.

Museum director Yeshayahu Weinberg admits that he should have got permission to sign the work contract, but says he was just giving his employees a 10 per cent "museum allowance," which other museum employees get, and was not asking for any increase in government funding.

At the Treasury and the Ministry of Education and Culture, they say the work contract included other benefits as well as the museum allowance, and that it was a serious violation of both a written agreement with the Treasury and the 1983 Budget Law.

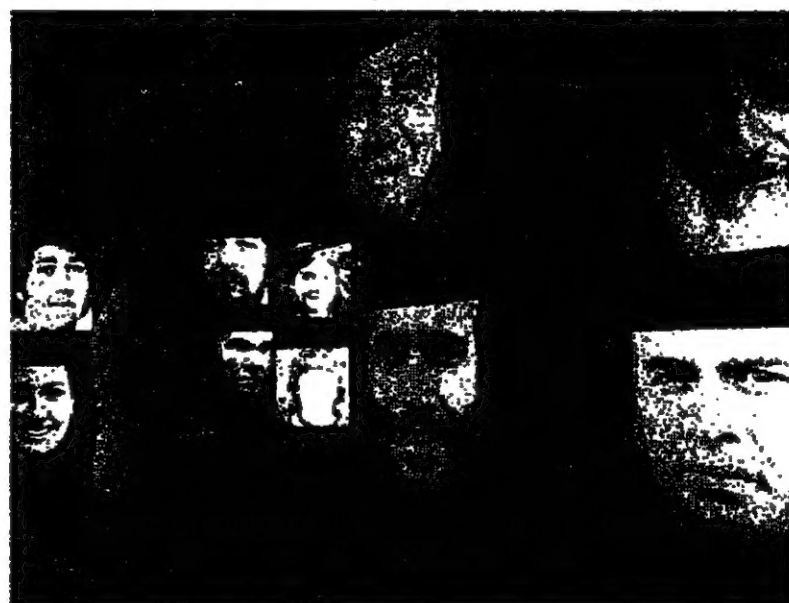
It was the sort of situation which all sides say could have been negotiated in private, with due respect to the reputation of the museum, which they all agree has done an important and singular job of documenting the unity and diversity of Jewish cultures and educating the public in Israel and the Diaspora.

But it didn't happen that way.

EARLY in January a mysterious Leaker divulged to Kol Yisrael the contents of a comptroller's report from last August — the sort regularly commissioned by the Education and Culture Ministry on five or six institutions a year — without including the museum's responses to the comptroller's criticisms.

In the media, there were headlines about the museum's failure to give receipts for contributions, about the employment of Weinberg's nephew as head of the youth department, and his meteoric rise to the post of deputy director. The museum had answers to all the charges — some more, some less satisfying to the ministries. But the answers, by necessity, were jumbled and boring and not nearly as juicy a story as the charges.

The result: some contributors abroad — and the museum is heavily dependent on private donations



One of the displays at the Beit Hatefutsoth Museum.

By MARSHA POMERANTZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

for research and circulation of exhibits — suspended promised support until the dust cleared. A fundraising dinner in England was cancelled and, according to Ronit Rabinovitch, head of public relations for the museum, so was an auction of Judaica, which was to raise about \$70,000.

Now that a compromise has been reached, everyone involved hopes the damage will prove to be temporary.

Here are some of the main points of dispute, and some of the resolutions:

□ **WAGES AND BENEFITS.** Nissim Tal, the Finance Ministry's man in charge of subsidies to educational and cultural institutions, says he counted 15 violations of the budget law in the Beth Hatefutsoth work contract — from the museum allowance to global overtime, kilometrage for men in reserve duty, higher-than-usual maternity pay. Rabinovitch points out that some of these categories applied to very few people, and meant little to the budget. But at a time of economic squeeze — or any time — the principle is what counts for the Treasury.

Even if Beth Hatefutsoth didn't ask for extra funds to cover benefits, the employees of other museums would ask for the same, in the usual pattern of keeping up with the Cohens. "No one requires them to take money from the government," says Tal. "But if they

do, they're bound by the budget law."

Tal points out that 70 per cent of the employees have senior grades — seven or over. Rabinovitch says that doesn't necessarily reflect the level of pay. And besides, it's hard to compare jobs to those in other museums. There is no curator, for instance, at Beth Hatefutsoth, since exhibits depend on photos, archival material, and scale models rather than original art and artefacts. How do you rank the electrician, who handles audio-visual exhibits and has more than the usual electrician's responsibility?

The compromise agreement was to eliminate the special benefits; senior employees gave up all of the museum allowance, middle-level employees some of it and lower-level workers got to keep it.

□ **DEFINITION OF RESPONSIBILITY.** Both the Treasury and the comptroller's report — done by an independent auditing firm — found insufficient definition of responsibility among the management and the secretariat, regarding

certain expenditures and accountability for trips abroad. In the agreement, the management agreed to define more clearly who is responsible to whom for what.

□ **NEPOTISM.** Weinberg explains that when his late brother's son-in-law, David Zilber, applied for the job of director of the youth department, he, Weinberg, told the secretariat, that he thought Zilber qualified but he disqualified himself as judge. Yitzhak Artzi, then deputy mayor of Tel Aviv, and Yehoram Gornitzky, an attorney, both members of the secretariat, interviewed the candidate. The secretariat accepted Zilber and took responsibility for the ensuing promotions of grade (to deputy director) and concomitant salary increments.

Nissim Tal, at the Treasury, said that may be legal but is in "bad taste," and Avner Shalev, head of the Culture Division in the Ministry of Education, finds it "strange that he rose so quickly."

□ **EFFICIENT HANDLING OF FUNDS.** The comptroller's report found that the museum was losing money in these days of super-inflation by not depositing all income on the day of receipt. In the compromise agreement, the museum undertook to speed the operation.

About receipts for contributions: Unreceipted income amounted to about \$1,800 out of \$300,000 in contributions. They were small sums usually given to guides during a tour by visitors who apparently didn't think the donation would make a difference to their taxable income. But the museum has agreed to write out receipts in any case. Weinberg points out that it's nice that the guides didn't pocket the cash.

□ **WHO LEAKED?** Both the Treasury and the Education Ministry representatives say the wage contract controversy had nothing to do with the comptroller's report, but the museum says the leak probably came from one of the ministries, and was timed to put

more pressure on the museum to cancel the wage contract.

Both Tal and Shalev say the leak must have come from employees of the museum's youth department, who were engaged in their own work dispute with the current department head. His work hours are questioned in the comptroller's report. Says Rabinovitch: the museum employees didn't have the report, and had nothing to gain from its public dissemination.

□ **WHAT'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR?** Tal said he didn't get a satisfactory response from the museum when he first questioned the contract, and had no choice but to threaten and eventually suspend funding. Rabinovitch says that even a two-week closure of the museum would have eliminated contributions for the next three years, and that the ministries tried to besmirch the museum's reputation to get what they could have got through negotiation all along.

Tal says they had no desire to muddy the reputation of the museum; Shalev says the Education Ministry was in a catch-22 situation between the Treasury, which wanted to cancel the work contract, and the museum, which had to be kept open. The museum employees suffered most, he says, because they gave up what had been guaranteed in a contract the museum had no right to sign. He thinks the museum tried to take liberties because it has such a strong lobby behind it — Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat and Arye Dulziz, chairman of the Jewish Agency/World Zionist Organization, for instance. Says Tal: "An institution with an international reputation apparently feels it can do anything. They succeeded in the professional field, and they got their fields confused."

Still, he's aware of the museum's important work and thinks it can be "an example to the world."

What's left is to hope that the scars aren't too deep, that everyone will abide by the negotiated compromise, that wary contributors will regain their faith in the institution.

The wage agreement that caused the flurry expires in two months, and then negotiations — under increasing economic pressure — start all over again.

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(Stage C of Road Works Project)

On Tuesday, February 14, 1984,

Stage C of the road works project at the entrance to Jerusalem will be started, and the following changes will be made in traffic streaming:

1. Traffic coming from the direction of Tel Aviv (in Sderot Weizmann) will not continue straight into Rehov Yafa.
2. Traffic going towards the centre of the city will go via Sderot Shezar (past Binyanei Ha'uma).
3. Bus stops will be rearranged, as follows:
  - a. Stops of routes 11, 29, 061, 064, 066, 068, 069, 081, will be relocated in Sderot Shezar, near Binyanei Ha'uma.
  - b. Stops for routes 25, 35, 36, 37, 50, 52, 071, 072, 073, 075, 468, 471 will be relocated in Rehov Yafa, opposite the Central Bus Station.
  - c. The bus stops formerly located in Sderot Weizmann, opposite the Rav Kook Institute, will be resited at their original positions.

NOTE:

During the transition to Stage C, the following traffic lights will be taken out of service: — The traffic light at Sderot Herzl — Sderot Shezar, on Sunday, February 12. — The traffic light at Rehov Yafa — Rehov Yirmeyahu — Sderot Weizmann, on Monday, February 13. These traffic lights will be reactivated with the start of Stage C, on February 14.

N.B. In the event of very bad weather, the above transition may be delayed for a day or two.



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PRESIDENT REAGAN's stunning decision to order the removal of all U.S. Marines from Lebanon represents a major strategic victory for Syria and its backers in the Soviet Union.

At the same time, of course, it is a loss for the U.S. and its friends in the Middle East, including Israel.

Word of the announcement came as the government of President Jemayel appeared on the verge of crumbling — together with the recently rebuilt army.

Syria's long-range agenda for Lebanon was close to fruition. President Assad has made no secret of wanting Lebanon to become a wholly-owned subsidiary.

Reagan has emerged from these dramatic developments looking foolish. "If we get out," he had told *The Wall Street Journal* only five days earlier "that means the end of Lebanon. And if we get out, it also means the end of any ability on our part to bring about an overall peace in the Middle East. And, I would have to say that it means a pretty disastrous result for us worldwide."

BUT THE SPEEDY unfolding of events in Lebanon forced his about-face. The collapse of the ceasefire and the takeover of West Beirut by Lebanese Shi'ites and Druse militiamen occurred before anyone in Washington really had a chance to catch his breath.

Jemayel, never a strong leader, simply proved incapable of meeting this latest challenge. There was no broadly-based government.

In the bare-knuckles battle for control of the U.S. foreign policy bureaucracy, Reagan's decision represents a clear victory for Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and the joint chiefs of staff and a major defeat for Secretary of State George Shultz.

The military men had been pressing for the Marines to retreat to ships off the Lebanese coast for weeks. Shultz had resisted. In the end, Reagan sided with Weinberger who also had the backing of White House political advisers who already are gearing up for the November elections.

Weinberger and the Pentagon never wanted to send the Marines into Lebanon in the first place. But, first in August 1982, and then again a month later, they were overruled. Symbolically, Shultz argued, the Marines had a special role to play in trying to bring some semblance of stability to Lebanon. Jemayel was also very anxious to have that Marine presence in Lebanon. It was very reassuring to him. But now, with 264 Americans killed in Lebanon and the Jemayel regime in disarray, Reagan has finally come down on the Pentagon's side.

REAGAN WAS, of course, under

## Major victory for Syria

By WOLF BLITZER

enormous pressure from Democrats in Congress as well as from some members of his own party.

For one thing, the Marine presence was never popular with the American people. Republican Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona — a supposed hawk — was among the most outspoken in calling for a U.S. withdrawal from Lebanon. He is not even happy that the Marines are about to be redeployed aboard the Sixth Fleet. He wants them brought home. He and others have voiced fears of kamikaze terrorist strikes against the U.S. ships.

In this post-Vietnam era, that type of mentality is still clearly dominant in the U.S. There is little stomach for foreign military entanglement unless there is virtually no cost — as in Grenada and with the large-scale troop presence in

Western Europe and the Far East and the more modest U.S. involvement in the Multinational Force (MNF) in Sinai.

Yet even there, if serious troubles should surface, calls for bringing American soldiers home would develop quickly. Let there be no doubt about that.

The Pentagon may have a quarter of a trillion dollar budget, but officers there are afraid to use America's military power to promote risky foreign policy objectives. That is the case even with a hardline Reagan administration.

ALL OF THE bombast involving the escalated U.S. naval bombing of Syrian positions outside Beirut this week cannot conceal the failure of U.S. policy toward Lebanon.

From the start, the U.S. objective has been to restore Lebanese

sovereignty and independence and to achieve the removal of all foreign forces. Instead, the civil war has resumed with a vengeance and the Syrians are more entrenched than ever. A reluctant Israel is stuck in Southern Lebanon with little likelihood of any early return home.

As U.S. officials noted this past week, Israel cannot leave Lebanon without risking a return to the situation which existed on the eve of its June 1982 invasion — threats of terrorist infiltration into Northern Israel accompanied by Katyusha rocket attacks. Israeli children living on the border once again would have to start sleeping in underground bunkers.

Who, U.S. officials ask, can guarantee the security of South Lebanon if Israel leaves? UNIFIL has been unreliable. The pro-Israel militia of the late Major Sa'ad Haddad does not have the ability. Certainly the Lebanese army is not about to accept that challenge — nor is the quickly-disappearing MNF.

One American insider explained Israel's dilemma this way: "If Israel pulls out and the status quo ante develops, people in Israel will legitimately ask their government why over 550 Israeli soldiers were killed and over 3,000 others were injured."

Lebanon was not just a disaster for the Reagan administration.

Events there these past 18 months have not exactly elevated Israel's standing in the U.S. either.

There is still a widespread notion among Americans — justified or not — that Israel got the U.S. into that Lebanese mess in the first place, only to get out when the going got too rough.

Here, too, Syria, backed by the Soviet Union, emerges more hardened and determined than either a weak-kneed Washington or Jerusalem.

NATURALLY, Reagan cannot be expected to admit defeat in Lebanon, especially as he seeks reelection. But there can be little denying that the developing U.S. setback in Lebanon is likely to be for Reagan what the overthrow of the Shah in Iran was for former president Jimmy Carter. This was underlined in *The Wall Street Journal* on Wednesday.

The trauma in Lebanon, like the Carter administration's failure in Iran, raises questions about the ability of the U.S. to carry out a coherent policy in the Middle East," wrote diplomatic reporter David Ignatius. In both cases, he said, the U.S. found itself with a weak and vacillating client who was a prisoner of his own indecision. The U.S. seriously misjudged political forces in the region in both cases.

In Lebanon, there were many blunders, going back to the original administration belief that Syria was prepared to cooperate, in leaving Lebanon if only Israel were to reach an agreement with the Lebanese government.

The administration never really understood the dynamics of Syria — or, for that matter, other Arab countries, including friendly ones, like Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

While Washington acted indecisively, the Syrians and their Lebanese Druse and Shi'ite allies, backed by the Soviet Union, pursued a single-minded and brutal campaign against the Jemayel regime.

Former secretary of state Henry Kissinger, appearing on NBC's *Today* show, suggested it was a mistake for Reagan to pull out the Marines. When the consequences of such a U.S. retreat in the face of Syrian pressure are fully understood, he said, America's influence and prestige will suffer around the world.

Another former secretary, Alexander Haig, also worried about the long-range implications. This will be seen, he said, as a Syrian victory. Thus, the seeds have been planted for even worse headaches for the U.S. in the weeks and months ahead.

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PRESIDENT REAGAN's dramatic announcement this week that he is withdrawing the Marines from Beirut has driven the last nail into the coffin of the grandiose plans Israel had for Lebanon when it invaded that country 20 months ago.

Then Israel believed that it would be possible to eradicate all opposition to a powerful, Christian-controlled central government in Beirut, which would be able to enter into some form of peaceful relationship with Israel and assure the most basic aims of Operation Peace for Galilee.

Realization that this was simply not achievable has come slowly and extremely painfully for Jerusalem which, until the very last minute, has clung somewhat forlornly to the hope that the pact thrashed out with the Lebanese last May would yet be implemented.

But with the withdrawal of the Marines, Jerusalem has had this week finally to concede that the pact is dead. And without American support, Lebanon's President Amin Jemayel to save his political future, has no choice but to reorient himself away from the U.S.

By withdrawing the Marines, Washington has simply served notice that it, like Israel, is now putting its own interests first. If Israel, for reasons of domestic pressure, is not prepared to involve itself further to save Jemayel and the treaty, Washington, for similar reasons, isn't willing to do so either.

And, in effect, Israel can have no cause for complaint: its decision to withdraw from the Shouf Mountains last September was taken over the objections of Washington and Beirut, both of which feared — with some justification, as events proved — that this would provoke a violent confrontation between the Druse majority in the Shouf and the Christians and seriously destabilize the Jemayel regime.

But growing domestic criticism of the war in Lebanon as Israeli casualties continued to mount left the government with very little choice — much as domestic criticism in the U.S. has now forced Reagan's hand.

And, just as Israel's self-interested decision last year created severe problems for Washington, so Reagan's similarly motivated decision this week has created severe problems for Israel, problems it anticipated, although it would have preferred to avoid.

With all hope of a strong, Western-oriented central government gone, Israel has now to come to terms with the fact that whoever rules in Beirut will be beholden to Damascus, and that such a regime will have little interest in reaching any kind of formal arrangement to safeguard Israel's security along its northern border.

This will now have to be achieved unilaterally, through Israel's own resources — much as was the case before Operation Peace for Galilee. For some 18 months now, — ever

## Hard choices in Lebanon

By DAVID BERNSTEIN

since Bashir Jemayel's assassination in September 1982 — Israel has studied the possibility of reaching some kind of arrangement on a local level that would keep the PLO out of Southern Lebanon and secure quiet for Galilee.

For most of that time, these efforts have been pursued in tandem with a policy of attempting to reach a deal with the central government in Beirut.

Thus, while working to reach last May's withdrawal agreement with Beirut, Israel sought to step up its cooperation with local forces in Southern Lebanon. The assumption was that these forces, led by the late Major Sa'ad Haddad, would enjoy a special relationship with Israel and the IDF, while nominally forming a "territorial brigade" of the Lebanese Army.

This policy had the added advantage of providing Israel with a fallback position in the event that a deal with the central Lebanese government failed to materialize —

or, as events have proved, turned out to be unimplementable.

Unfortunately, Israel's efforts to set up a local force that could take over responsibility for security in Southern Lebanon and enable Israel to withdraw without striking a workable deal with Beirut have not met with the greatest of success.

Even before Haddad's death last month, the ability of his mostly Christian force to maintain security over the largely hostile Shi'ite population in Southern Lebanon was in serious question. There were even those who argued that the policy of attempting to foist the Christian major on the Shi'ites had been a grave tactical error on Israel's part. It had, they said, alienated the majority community in the area and squandered any chance of working directly with the predominantly Shi'ite militia Amal to keep the PLO out of Southern Lebanon.

Today, the chances of working with Amal — which, prior to

Operation Peace for Galilee, proved highly effective in keeping the PLO out of the Shi'a villages in Southern Lebanon — are next to nil.

In the first place, a very large part of the local population, already alienated by Israel's tendency to prefer cooperation with its Christian enemies both in the South and in Beirut, has grown increasingly hostile in recent months.

Moreover, the military successes chalked up by Amal in West Beirut this week, which are certain to be translated into significant political gains for Lebanon's almost one million Shi'as (including the 450,000 in the South) will have eradicated whatever appeal Israel might have had as a counterweight to a hostile Christian-controlled central government.

With the death of their commander, the Haddad militias are less likely than ever before to provide an effective *cordon sanitaire* against terrorist activity along Israel's northern border. There is no officer presently serving in their ranks of anything like Haddad's calibre, and what hopes Israel once had of having the Lebanese Army appoint a successor acceptable both to Beirut and to Jerusalem will now clearly have faded into oblivion.

What is more, there is every likelihood that the PLO militants under Abu Mus'ab will attempt to establish themselves in the South once Israel withdraws, and, free from the constraints imposed upon them by

Yasser Arafat during the year of truce that preceded the Israeli invasion in June 1982, embark upon a new campaign of terror against the Galilee settlements.

So Israel is left with the unenviable task of relying solely on itself to protect Galilee against terrorist attack, under conditions, considerably more difficult than those before the war.

There are those, including several senior voices in the government, who are arguing that, in view of the latest developments, now more than ever, Israel has no choice but to sit tight in Lebanon and police the 45km security zone with its own forces.

But that would be to commit the IDF to a tough and costly — in terms both of lives and of money — policing role of indefinite duration.

The most obvious alternative to this would be to do what the opposition has long been clamouring for: withdraw to the international border and safeguard Israel's security through the IDF's deterrent and punitive power — exercised this side of the boundary.

No one can envy any government having to decide between these alternatives, neither of which holds

out very much hope for peace and quiet in the North. And little satisfaction is to be gained from the fact that the Likud government has brought this predicament upon itself through the thoroughly mis-conceived military adventure.

What little hope remains for Peace in Galilee, it would seem, depends upon a quantum leap in Israeli perception that would raise the problem from the search for a localized tactical solution in Southern Lebanon to a much broader strategic solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict as a whole.

A central government in Beirut could conceivably enter into the kind of non-belligerency arrangement with Israel sanctioned by the 1982 Arab Summit in Fez and, even more importantly, endorsed by Lebanon's ultimate master, Syria.

But that would depend on Israel meeting the Fez conditions for such non-belligerency — the total withdrawal from all Arab territory occupied in 1967.

And that is a step no conceivable Israeli government would appear likely to take.

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BLASPHEMY is a hot issue these days, as it was in the early years of the American republic. The young Thomas Jefferson wrote a lengthy essay, arguing that Christianity was not part of the common law. Conservative judges disagreed, upholding prosecutions for blasphemy directed generally against marginal groups beyond the national consensus.

One target was a pro-revolutionary (French) circle in Philadelphia, "Jacobin" being in those days a term of abuse, equivalent to communist or PLO today. Another was a Fourierist commune in Massachusetts. In New York, a renowned anti-Jeffersonian judge, Chancellor James Kent, sustained a conviction for blasphemy for cursing the Almighty, specifically declaring that America was a Christian country, a notion not beyond dispute at the time.

I acquired this rather arcane lore

in a legal history seminar more than 30 years ago. I did not realize at the time how well I had prepared myself for settling in Israel.

Of course, Israel is concerned not with the ecclesiastical crime of blasphemy, but rather with giving offence to religious sensibilities, although in practice they are related, if not identical. Offending religious sensibilities was a punishable offence under the Ottoman code and was perpetuated in British-ruled Palestine even before the formal inception of Mandatory rule. In independent Israel, it has been invoked to protect Christian sensibilities, as in the banning of Amos Kenan's play, *Friends Tell About Jesus* in 1972, which resulted in a High Court decision that was referred to recently in connection with the controversy created by the intervention of President Chaim Herzog in the matter of the Haifa production of *The Messiah*.

In 1977 the Film Censorship

## ON BLASPHEMY

By ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

Board banned the film *The Passover Plot*, based on the book by British author Dr. Hugh Schoenfeld, which suggests that Jesus did not die on the cross. Board Chairman Yehoshua Justman explained that the film had been banned for being offensive to part of the population, since it strikes at the very foundation of Christian faith. If we had to act on a film which attacked the basis of Jewish faith in the same basic ways, we would certainly ban it, he added.

CENSORSHIP to protect religious sensibilities, of course, restricts freedom of expression, and even in Israel, where religious contention can easily provoke violent actions, there are limits. At an American Jewish Congress dialogue on Judaism in 1963, Justice Haim Cohn stated that "racist-Nazi principles, because of an ancient Talmudic rule, have turned into the law of the State of Israel." A citizen brought

suit against the attorney-general for not prosecuting the judge for the undoubted affront to religious sensibilities. Dismissing the suit, the High Court pointed out that the dialogue was intended to provide a forum for opinions, not all of which would suit the views of all members of the audience.

The theatre can also serve as a forum of ideas. After the court decision in the *Friends Tell About Jesus* case, Yigal Allon, then minister of education, proposed terminating censorship of theatrical performances. No one dreamed that one day it would be made stricter, by imposing censorship beyond the limits the Censorship Board believed warranted.

This is implicit in President Herzog's intervention in censoring *The Messiah*. No longer is there a balance of interests, weighed by a representative public body. The Censorship Board had, after all, approved the play for public perfor-

mance. Instead, the president has substituted his own evaluation of the national consensus. He has acted on precisely the issue decided by the Censorship Board in granting its approval, protecting religious sensibilities beyond the limit the board regarded as permissible, giving due regard to the opposing public interest in freedom of artistic expression.

Herzog's action is likely to raise the level of conflict in Israeli society. It provides an incentive to the most vocal and powerful orthodoxes to raise their level of stridency. It misconceives the national consensus, which encompasses a balancing of interests, not a surrender to threats of force or violence, when they are directed against the exercise of basic human liberties.

Shulamit Aloni has complained that the president's action shows that he is not in "our camp." So be it. The president of the state has no camp, other than the nation as a whole. His intervention with regard to *The Messiah* was at fault, not because he chose the wrong camp, but because he erred in his judgement of the national consensus.

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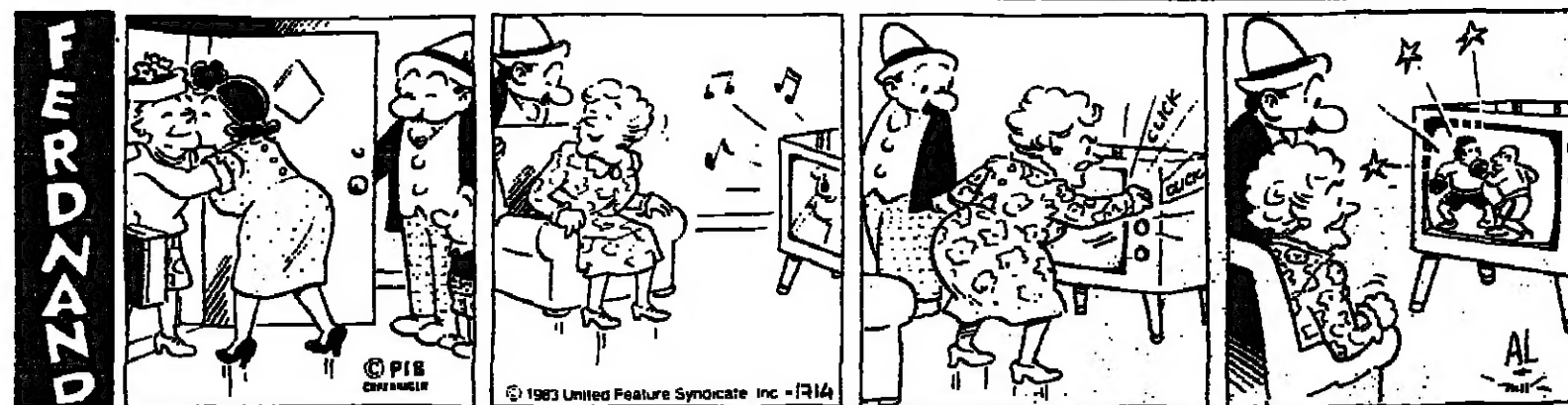
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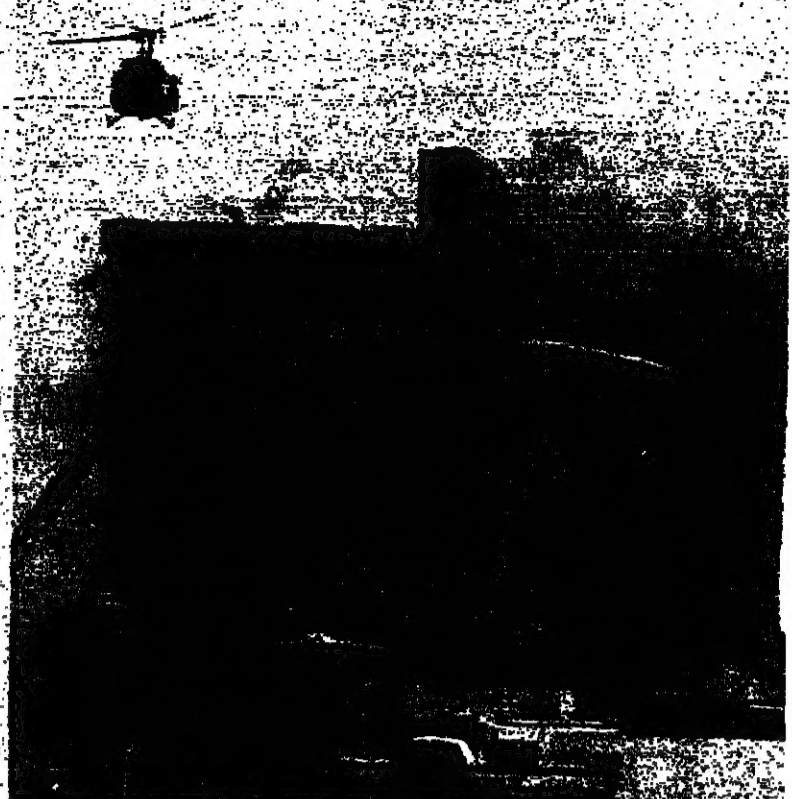
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# Multi-storeyed tragedy

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(Yitzhak Harari)

THE INVESTIGATION into the causes of Sunday's Dead Sea hotel fire has been completed and the findings forwarded to the committee set up by Interior and Police Minister Yosef Burg and headed by the former commander of the Tel Aviv district police, Moshe Romkin.

The committee visited the scene of the tragedy, the Moriah Dead Sea hotel, on Wednesday. Although the findings are not yet public, it is safe to assume that several shortcomings will be revealed, conclusions drawn and standard procedure's revamped. Meanwhile, two people are dead and several injured. Dozens of tourists and Israeli vacationers underwent a traumatic experience.

It is unfortunate but true that it takes a tragedy to get standard procedures and standing orders re-examined. The questions raised by the Moriah fire have repercussions that affect multi-storeyed structures in general and hotels — especially isolated ones — in particular.

Adina Caspi, spokeswoman for the Israel Standards Institute, wrote an article in last October's issue of the in-house publication about a relatively new laboratory at the institute, the Fire Centre. She pointed out that the extended use of insulating agents, technological advances in construction and the trend for higher buildings with fewer spaces in-between was increasing the risk of fire, making the need for safety standards evident.

"Flame-resistant materials are those which do not burn at temperatures of under 800," she wrote. Polystyrene burns at 470 degrees Celsius and PVC (often used for floor covering) at 430.

She pointed out that 80 per cent of fire victims suffer from the effects of smoke inhalation. "The reason is that the thick smoke impedes vision, does not allow those trapped inside to find escape opportunities and creates fear and panic," she wrote.

Polystyrene, for example, creates a thick screen of smoke when it burns. "Firemen insist on flame-resistant insulating materials, and totally oppose polystyrene," Sarah Stern-Tov Pesach, director of Tel Aviv's national school for firemen, told *The Jerusalem Post*. The construction companies use safety advisers and sometimes they are within the limits of the law, but the law is not always good enough. There are exceptional cases where the general law is insufficient.

WAS THE Moriah Dead Sea hotel an exception? All the signs say it was. It is isolated (the nearest hotel is several kilometers away) and closest to the sea it is the tallest building in the area; the nearest municipal centre (Arad) is 40 minutes away.

Also, as Rafi Matallah, southern district director of the Tourism Ministry says, whereas "the first aid and fire-fighting systems at the Dead Sea are sufficient for the limited needs of the essentially rural area local council," when the six hotels in the area are full, there is an added population of as many as 1000.

The fire station at the Tamar council has one fire truck and no firemen. He works mornings and three afternoons a week. When the job, he is used to working one.

Alerted on Sunday, he apparently did not summon the main Beersheba station at once (another reason is that he happened to be on scene when the fire was started, but a member of Kibbutz in Gedi heard the radioed call for help and called the Army Radio's red line).

Finally, 15 fire trucks and 35 firemen battled the blaze for six hours and more. Six army helicopters and a dozen ambulances

(as well as enough medical supplies to take care of a mini-war) also came to the rescue.

"This was a large-scale fire," Tapas-Mishne Avner Mordechai, fire chief of the greater Beersheba area, told *The Jerusalem Post*. "Because of the great distance from Beersheba, it took a long time until we organized all our forces. But within 90 minutes of receiving the fire alert (which I'm afraid we got too late) we had five fire trucks and 12 firemen on the scene. We also asked the army for help."

Giant cranes arrived uninvited from the nearby Dead Sea Works, along with the company's own fire-fighting equipment and crew. Using pressurized air tanks, they took firemen and soldiers up to the highest floors, which were inaccessible to the fire trucks' ladders. The cranes also helped rescue several stranded guests.

"Our equipment can only get to a height of 30 metres," said Pesach. "Usually, the ladder is not parallel to the wall, we have to give it some angle, so the real height is lower. Under ideal conditions, we can go up to the sixth floor."

But because many of the modern buildings in Israel are eight storeys or more, and given the fact that the fire spread upwards, "the more storeys left above the focal point of the fire, the more I'm scared."

THE REAL job of fire-fighting is not done by ladders and cranes, however, but by snail-paced efforts to comb every inch of the burning building, usually through the stairwell, to destroy all the fires. In the Moriah fire, firemen had to go through three scorched upper storeys, with 32 rooms each.

"Given the means at our disposal today," says Mordechai, "we did the best we could."

But everyone conceded that the best was not good enough. Mordechai has been lobbying for a proper fire station in the Dead Sea area for years. "I would be very happy to see a station with 10 to 15

firemen," he says. "But the chances, given the economic realities, are scant."

The Moriah management and staff, together with southern region Tourism Ministry staff, spent endless days and sleepless nights seeing to the needs of the bathed guests, most of them elderly and in shock. Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir also paid them a visit. They took personal care of each guest with the result that not only did no tourist cut short his visit as a result of the fire, but many are expected to come back with friends.

Sharir asked David Wilk, deputy director of his ministry, for a full report on the reasons for the fire and the way in which the rescue teams functioned, to be submitted within a month.

Meanwhile, says tourism director Matallah, "one of the first things the ministry established was that the hotel had undergone one of the fire department's periodic inspections two weeks before the fire broke out and complied with all the regulations."

Fire chief Mordechai also stressed that the hotel was always fire-conscious. So what went wrong?

"THERE ARE all kinds of reasons for a fire," an engineer specializing in fires told *The Post*. "It could be a cigarette, a short in the electrical wiring or arson. Whatever the reason, in a large building like a hotel, the planning of safety measures must make sure that the fire cannot spread quickly."

Those who arrived on the scene on Sunday saw thick black smoke billowing out of the upper floors. First one room, then another several rooms away blazed. The air smelt strongly of plastic (or some other man-made material, burning. Despite the huge amounts of water used to quench it, the fire and the smoke held tenaciously for hours.

"When fire spreads horizontally quickly," the engineer explained, "then there is flash-over, where everything is combustible, even the gases in the air, and they can carry the fire over great distances. "Anything can be the focal point of a fire, even a radiator without proper heat dispersion. It's like a cancer, eating away unnoticed from the inside, until it gets hot enough to burn something next to it. Then everything in the area becomes combustible."

That is why smoke and fire detectors are essential. In the case of the Moriah fire, the fire was probably noticed too late (the investigation examined the possibility that the detectors were not working at the time) and the local fireman therefore arrived much too late to put it out. (One of the two hotel employees injured in the blaze told reporters that fire broke out at the hotel, a year ago, but was immediately contained.)

In case of a serious fire, even one detected immediately and the fireman not on his afternoon off, the local fire truck would always be ineffective. And help must come from far away.

"We have 900 firemen all over the country, and this includes administrators, commanders and investigators," Pesach says. "A third of them work mornings only; the rest work shifts. So in the best of cases, where nobody is ill or in the reserves, we have only 200 firemen on call throughout the country at any given moment." (In Tokyo, with a population of 12 million, there are 1.5 firemen per 1,000 people. Israel has only 0.25 firemen for the same number.)

Worse: "When a fireman gets a call for help, he sends a fire truck with two or three men — and effectively empties the station!"

"In the case of the Moriah fire, the call was received late; the Arad station is 40 minutes away ("the road is not exactly car-free") and Beersheba even further. "Every second is decisive in determining whether the fire will be quelled or whether it will develop dangerously."

The investigation probed all the possible causes of the fire: negligence, arson, sabotage, short, accident. Nothing was ruled out.

WHATEVER the findings, two conclusions seem inevitable: medical and fire teams at the Dead Sea must be enlarged and laws concerning fire safety standards upgraded.

"The refineries, for example, have their own fire fighters, according to a mutual agreement with the regional fire departments," says the engineer. "So if the fire department in the Negev doesn't have enough money to expand, perhaps the hotels should set up their own voluntary service. After all, this is the way the fire department started in the first place."

As new construction and decorative materials are introduced, it is ever more important to revise the existing laws pertaining to fire safety. Since 1980, the Israel Standards Institute has demanded that each item pass its laboratory inspection and carry an appropriate tag.

As Caspi wrote: some municipalities require companies which construct public and multi-storeyed buildings to test all the materials used at the Fire Centre. So far, the municipalities involved are Beersheba, Jerusalem, Rishon LeZion and the Sharon area.

Also, not every edifice is as safety-conscious as a five-star hotel and it is conceivable that cheaper, more dangerous materials are substituted for approved ones behind the fire department's back.

"The fire department does not have the manpower to check every building for violations and we don't always know when a building is populated," says Pesach. "All we can do is issue warnings during our yearly inspections."

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Netanya: Kupat Holim Leumi, 9 Smilensky, 38053.

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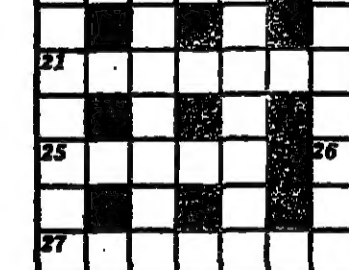
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### CRYPTIC

1 Time and Motion experts press them to cause a shoppage! (7)

2 Wanted: written evidence of legal transaction so-called knight is in (7)

3 Gathered a bunch of stock (7, 2)

4 To tell you the truth, My Lord, we took them. (From "A Court Card") (5)

5 Iron, perhaps, used to heat iron (7)

6 Managed a small firm old city is after, from spite (7)

7 Sings and plays with a lady's sash over his head (9)

8 Appreciate the value of saving money—that'll be the day! (6)

9 Gives the rest back arms and legs as well (5)

10 The Sun's hidden its rays from this heavenly body (9)

11 Hoping the cast will bring you in some food? (7)

12 Produces liquid stone ginger No, generally redder than that! (7)

13 Making hay while the sun shines (5)

14 People were monkeys to believe in it! (9)

15 Being in pain, a person gives them a kick (7)

16 Gerns called everyone in this condition (7)

### DOWN

1 Their charge always convicts (7)

2 Fighting over being called this (5)

3 Separate fields growing this (5)

4 Not anxious to be under the influence of drugs (7)

5 Gets foreigner to state he's quitted being a menace to our society (7)

6 NGO's, rude, about First Lieutenant—that's odd! (9)

7 Share out, should be just the reason for introducing it (9)

8 Ruin of the French quarter—then the city of Paris (7)

9 The main part of the army is behind it (4-5)

10 By the water, grew angry; goddess was the cause! (9)

11 Make these alterations as a result (7)

12 Pushed and pulling metal poles at each end (7)

13 It's very clear it's a scholar who's left five promissory notes (7)

14 Quite definitely win over another, might one say? (7)

15 Always (7)

16 Cable-winding machine (7)

17 One who plots a course (9)

18 Walk arrogantly (5)

19 Agony (7)

20 A crack (7)

21 Is put in a gun (9)

22 Parts of a vehicle (5)

23 Abdominal trouble (5)

24 Musical instruments (9)

25 High-rising fireworks (7)

26 One in an exam, etc (7)

27 Angry (5)

28 Insufficiently cooked (9)

29 Provider, especially of food (7)

30 Criminals (7)

### QUICKIE

1 Always (7)

2 A frantic zealot (7)

3 One who wanders (5)

4 Imprecise (5)

5 Turned (7)

6 Type of vessel (7)

7 Fare-paying traveller (9)

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AT ONE TIME, the pilgrim was content to pray over the stones sacred to his faith; now the stones are not enough.

"It may be a long way to come to see a movie," says Ted Seymour, advertising consultant for the film *Jesus*, which is now being shown on a regular basis in Bethlehem. "but the film wraps up the experience and brings it all to life. It makes sense because it all happened here."

In fact, *Jesus* is only one of a great many audio-visual or multi-media presentations which are being shown increasingly at tourist or historical sites all over the world. It is perhaps only surprising that no one thought of showing such a film in Bethlehem before.

One reason may be that no suitable film existed previously. *Jesus*, produced by John Heyman for Warner Bros., was filmed entirely in this country, using local people, Jews and Arabs, as actors and extras. The tourist or pilgrim could well relate the scenes in the film to landscapes he sees from the bus or facial types he notes in the market.

IT IS a film that seems deliberately, and with some success, to break the standard Christian Sunday school image of blond, blue-eyed biblical figures. This is perhaps most successful in the shots of children, when

## Cinema for pilgrims

By HAIM SHAPIRO / Jerusalem Post Reporter



Mary Magdalene (Dalia Shapira), James (Babi Neeman), and Peter (Niko Mital) listen to the parable of Christ (Brian Deacon) in 'Jesus'

the camera lingers lovingly over a cross-eyed little girl or a boy with a broken front tooth. It is less so with English actor Brian Deacon, who plays Jesus with nary a hair out of place through most of the film. ACCORDING to Seymour, *Jesus*, which is part of Heyman's "Genesis Project," to film the entire Hebrew Bible and the New Testament, utilized some 200 scholars from

luxurious) was leased from the Bethlehem Catholic Action Center by the backers, an evangelistic company called Here's Life. They plan to show it four times a day, seven days a week, for years to come.

CERTAINLY the film will be an attraction for many Christian groups and individual tourists, who may well be grateful for two and a half hours, away from the bustle of sightseeing that provide relaxation as well as enlightenment. However Jews, and even Christians who are not particularly religiously motivated, may find the film overly long and lacking in dramatic magnetism. What might be uplifting to the Christian believer, could easily become repugnant to those who do not share these beliefs.

In any case, the backers of the film will no doubt want to steer clear of any sort of activity that could cause extremist elements to label their enterprise as missionary activity. No doubt they aim for a public which comes seeking Christian inspiration in the Holy Land and often finds itself put off by the "commercialization" of the country's churches and objects of pilgrimage.

For these Christians, *Jesus* may well be the cord that binds their faith with the stones of Israel.

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS and sincere apologies are in order for David Burgin of Jerusalem, whose friends last week contributed in excess of \$54,000 to Forsake Me Not in honor of his 70th birthday. Unfortunately, the occasion was marred by the misspelling of his name.

There was a noticeable drop in contributions to both *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund and *Forsake Me Not* this week, possibly a reflection of the latest wave of price hikes. As difficult as things are for those of us living above the poverty line, they are much worse for the economically less fortunate strata of society.

None of us would think twice about giving a hungry person a basket of food products. If each of us gives the value of such a basket to *The Post* Funds, the amount raised will help a great number of people in genuine need. Send your contributions now to *The Jerusalem Post* Funds, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem

Portion of the week: *Tetsavah* Exodus 26-19 to 29-12.

THE PORTION of the Torah we read tomorrow is the third of five portions which, with the exception of the incident of the Golden Calf, to be read next week, are wholly devoted to the command given by God to Moses to erect a sanctuary which would accompany the Children of Israel in their wanderings in the wilderness. That section of the Bible opens with an inventory of the various materials which had to be assembled before the work could commence and includes, as is to be expected, various articles which belong to the world of flora. It begins with minerals, gold, silver, and copper, and includes also precious stones.

In between come various items belonging to other parts of the world of nature. They are shittim wood, oil for the light (the Menorah), and spices for the anointing oil, and for the incense. They will be briefly

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Aust. \$	—	285
Bel. Fr.	—	2,800
Fin. Mk.	—	1,000
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## On the sanctuary

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discussed in that order.

The shittah was the staple wood used for building. It was left to the wealthy Solomon, who was friendly with Hiram, king of Tyre, to import huge quantities of the lofty cedar from Lebanon. Where could the Children of Israel have obtained such vast quantities of wood to erect the huge structure? The rabbis reply that Jacob, doubtful about the ability of his 70 descendants to maintain their separate identity in a foreign land, and to maintain their faith, which would enable them to withstand the temptation to Egyptianize (God promised him that the time would come when his descendants, grown to a mighty nation, would go forth and return to their land), foresaw the necessity of

planting acacia saplings in the wilderness, which, after the 430-year sojourn in Egypt, would be fully grown and available for building.

"Oil for the Menorah and oil for the anointing and for the incense." It would be possible to derive from this the theory or view that two kinds of oil were used, and those who are aware of rabbinical exegesis would certainly expect it as natural. Undoubtedly it is so, but to a very minute degree. The kind of oil and its source were the same for all the oil used in the Sanctuary, namely olive oil; what differed was the quality. Throughout this week's portion the word *zayit*, pure, is added to the mention of oil for the Menorah. Its purity was due to the

fact that it had no admixture of foreign matter. The purest oil was from *uncrushed* olives, that which oozed from the olive. Only after that was extracted was the olive crushed, making the rest available for the anointing oil and as the basis for the incense.

What about oil for the Sabbath Menorah? This is discussed in the chapter dealing with the subject in the Talmud and is included in the Sabbath service. An unusually large number of fuels are mentioned, including *iron*, coal, and *neft*. One rabbi, Nathan of Babylon, wished to give the Sabbath oil the same sanctity as that for the Temple Menorah, necessitating the use of olive oil only. The majority, however, disagree. One cannot extend the same sanctity to the Sabbath oil as to the Temple Menorah which burned 24 hours a day. Therefore various fuels can be used, with the sole exception of *neft*, which polluted the air.

My last two letters remained unanswered, and I began to be worried about Eytan's fate. But two months ago I received a letter from him telling me that, after all those long years, he was still trying to obtain the exit permit.

"There are no dramatic changes, unfortunately. Rumours about the future are contradictory. Some say it is definitely 'No', others hope it will be definitely 'Yes'... Nothing is certain, in my opinion. Even the all-powerful men who sit on Olympus have their problems, which are not always consistent with their ideas. That's why I suppose that everything will remain as it is — indefinitely."

But this time the "Yes" prevailed. Eytan Finkelstein, his wife Alexandra and their little daughter, Miriam, have finally arrived home. The young fighter has won his long battle.

## Welcome home, Eytan

By YAACOV TSUR / Special to the Jerusalem Post

of your home town."

As it happens, I left my birthplace at the age of three. However, I was of course familiar with "the Jerusalem of Lithuania" and what it represented in Jewish life and Hebrew literature.

"Nothing remains of its Jewish past," Eytan wrote. "The Communist regime is expert at obliterating any sign of periods of history it wants to be forgotten. Here everybody hates everybody else — the Poles hate the Lithuanians, the Lithuanians hate the Russians, and all of them hate the Jews who still remain in this city."

THAT WAS HOW our cor-

respondence started. I had to recollect my half-forgotten Russian and answer him in the same language. I confess I was much more careful in my letters to him, in order to avoid trouble for him. Even so, not many of my replies were delivered.

Once I received a photograph of the Gaon of Vilna's grave, which he had taken at the Jewish cemetery. Then he sent me a "Guide to Jewish Vilna", with a meticulously drawn plan, in which he tried to trace, among the new streets, what remained of the "Schulhoif", and the location of the Strashun Library or of the world-famous Hebrew printing press of the "Widow and Brothers Romm."

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## A 'super' finish to week of gains

TEL AVIV. — "It was a super market," is how one observer described yesterday's action. Coming after a week-long rally which was successfully tested by profit-taking, yesterday's advance of 3.51 per cent in the General Share Index was considered a solid achievement by analysts.

Also encouraging was the apparent willingness of the public to make modest commitments in share investments. Bankers report that the commitment is not necessarily by direct investment in specific shares, but rather by purchases of mutual fund units, especially those which specialize in share investments.

The action is readily understandable, as it is easier to sell a mutual fund holding than a specific share. A share may be established as "sellable only," while mutual funds, except in the respect of exceptions, will redeem any amount of their units which are put up for sale. Furthermore, foreign currency departments of the city's commercial banks report some small sales of foreign currency, with clients stating that they intend to invest the shekel proceeds in the stock exchange.

Professional investors, on the other hand, continue to be heartened by Tuesday's and Wednesday's sessions, which were marked by relatively large offers for sale which were neatly picked up, largely without any change in price. The ability of the market to withstand profit-taking has been generally pointed to as the acid test of its ability to maintain the current rally, which is now two weeks old.

Other observers point to a general improvement in the investment atmosphere. They specifically mention the fact that while shares have been rising, so have index-linked bond prices. The rise in the bond market is especially welcome, when one considers that it was only a fortnight ago that a near-collapse of the bond market seemed imminent.

The end of next week will mark the final date for assigning bank shares, part of the "agreement," to

## Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

the saving schemes. In the meantime these bank shares continue to act well. Yesterday the bank share prices rose by as much as five per cent.

Bank shares which are not part of the "agreement" continued to perform even better. A case in point are the shares of the North American Bank. On Wednesday both shares were ten per cent winners. Yesterday they advanced by another two per cent, while the option gained 9.5 per cent. Both Danot issues were "buyers only," while the Danot capital notes surged ahead by 20.4 per cent. FIBI was "buyers only" while the shares of the First International Bank were registered as "buyers only" for the second session. When trading resumes on Sunday those shares could be in for a major ride upwards, since all-price restraints will be lifted.

The volatility statistics gave clear evidence of the strength of the market. Altogether 261 issues advanced by five per cent or better. Of these 66 could not be traded as a result of an imbalance in buy and sell orders. These were registered as "buyers only," and were automatically pushed up by five per cent. In contrast to the many sharp gainers there were only nine issues that fell sharply. Only one of these was "sellers only."

The mortgage bank sector came through with meaningful gains. It was led by the bearer Mortgage and Development Bank shares, which advanced by 15 per cent.

Gains of up to ten per cent punctuated the specialized financial institution group.

Insurance issues also enjoyed demand and prices advanced across-the-board. Hasehah was "buyers only," but the option was nearly 25 per cent higher.

The service and trade group

traded in a volatile fashion, as prices spiralled to higher levels. The computer group appears to be returning to favour. Malal 5 was 10 per cent higher, while others rose by smaller margins.

The land development, real estate and citrus plantation sector also performed smartly and reflected sharp advances. Property building wound up on the "buyers only" list. The P&B shares were recently split two-for-one. Lumir issues were both 10 per cent improved. The Lifschitz shares and Azemir Properties were all ahead by margins of 10 per cent.

Industrials, though not as strong, were clearly higher. The Man shares were 8.8 per cent improved, but the option really took off and tacked on 37 per cent.

One of the areas which is receiving little attention is that of high-technology equities. Yesterday Elbit Computers, Elron Electronics and Arif Optics were unchanged as small selling pressures were exerted on these shares. Clal Electronics, generally tipped as being undervalued, was a 10 per cent gainer. Spectronix continued to surge ahead and rose by a full 10 per cent.

Investment company issues were the big winners. On a sectoral basis they moved ahead by 8.75 per cent. The Israel Corporation shares were ten and 9.7 per cent higher. The Discount Investment shares were both ten per cent gainers. Many other issues in the group were able to point to ten per cent advances.

### Most active stocks

IDB	4600	88,122.2	+180
Leumi	1980	88,106.0	+75
General	8050	46,984.3	+230
Concorbit	1533.7m		
Bonds	15368.6m		

### LONDON BANK RATES

February 9, 1984

	Prev. Close	9
Bank base rate	9 1/8	9 1/8
Call money	9 1/8	9 1/8
91-day Treasury	8 1/2	8 1/2
3-months Interbank	9 1/8	9 1/8
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### Commercial Banks

(not part of "arrangement")	Volume	Change	% change
OHB	1570	10	+0.8
Marjani	473	b.o.l.	+23.5
Moravia	200	b.o.l.	+10.5
N. American	4566	55	+8.0
N. American	2893	36	+5.7
N. Am. op	1960	56	+17.0
Danot	319	b.o.l.	+15.4
Danot 2	92	b.o.l.	+4.1
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IDB op	3350	+115	+3.6
Union	3350	560	n.c.
Discount B	5820	53	+0.9
Discount A	7550	755	+10.1
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Discount B	705	796	n.c.
Moravia	1895	363	+5.0
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Moravia	1295	172	+13.3
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IDB B	4770	-320	-7.2
IDB P	27650	-1300	-4.9
IDB op	3350	+115	+3.6
Union	3350	560	n.c.
Discount B	5820	53	+0.9
Discount A	7550	755	+10.1
Discount op	4750	41	+0.9
Discount B	705	796	n.c.
Moravia	1895	363	+5.0
Moravia	1895	301	+7.5
Moravia	3340	102	+3.1
Moravia	1295	172	+13.3
Moravia	15900	-1000	-6.7
Moravia	847	1373	+162.0
Hapoalim	3800	1	n.c.
Hapoalim	3000	1573	n.c.
Hapoalim	2970	480	n.c.
Hapoalim	12140	16	+0.1
General A	8050	608	+7.6
General op	18400	2	+0.0
General op	7988	27	+0.3
General op	6100	2	+0.0
General op	385	92	+24.0
Leumi	1980	4449	+22.7
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N. American	4566	55	+8.0
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N. Am. op	1960	56	+17.0
Danot	319	b.o.l.	+15.4
Danot 2	92	b.o.l.	+4.1
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## Misplaced enthusiasm

IT IS A TRUTH already widely, although by no means universally, acknowledged, that Operation Peace for Galilee has been the least successful of the country's wars — indeed the only war that has not been a success at all.

This may be something of a paradox, because the war was admittedly launched not in the felt absence of any alternative, like previous Israeli wars, but as a matter of deliberate choice by policy-makers. The war was meant to wipe out the trauma of the surprise Yom Kippur attack by Egypt and Syria, yet all it has done is arguably to produce another trauma — the trauma of self-entanglement in a conflict that should better have been avoided.

Why this has been so, is a fit subject for investigation. In fact the investigation is already underway.

Some early conclusions are now available in two books by leading Israeli journalists that are due for publication shortly and are meantime excerpted in the Hebrew press. They appear to indict Ariel Sharon, the former defence minister, and his eager adjutant, Menachem Begin, the former prime minister, of expanding what was originally billed as a limited operation into a major and tragically fruitless war for the reordering of Lebanon, and this by hoodwinking the cabinet, the Knesset and the public at large.

These, needless to say, are partisan conclusions that will be hotly contested by the loyalist section of the political community. The chairman of the Likud faction in the Knesset, Ronnie Milo, has suggested this week that there was a lot that was positive in the Lebanon war. "In the operation," he said, "we saved the north of Israel." Could this difference of opinion be authoritatively resolved somehow?

Within the Labour opposition the view has been gaining ground that enough is now known from private sources about the conduct of the war to warrant an official probe that will, it is expected, endorse the indictment. MK Gad Ya'acobi has moved for a judicial commission of inquiry on the war to be appointed by the President of the Supreme Court.

Support for the idea seems to have come from a rather unexpected quarter. On the same day that he dismissed the Kahan Commission's report on Sabra and Shatilla as "a vicious blood libel," Ariel Sharon welcomed the proposal for a full-scale investigation of the war. His "only" condition was that the opposition and the media should come under scrutiny as well as the government.

His point must have been that, since the mooted investigation would be in the nature of a political trial, all parties to the great debate about the war should be placed in the dock.

On this point — if that is his point — Mr. Sharon is right: Any such investigation would be political. To suggest, therefore, that a judicial commission of inquiry should sit in judgment of the war is more than unwise: it is folly.

There are natural limits to the application of the judicial method to the political process. In the case of Sabra and Shatilla the inquiry started from the agreed premise that a crime had been committed, and the only question was the degree of responsibility — in this case indirect — of ministers and army officers. In the case of the Lebanon war there is no such initial premise at all. The subject of inquiry could only be the manner in which decisions of the cabinet were made, and their wisdom.

That is not a subject for judicial inquiry, but of politics. This does not mean there is no remedy for the misdeeds or misjudgments of an irresponsible government in a democracy. But that remedy lies in the labours of political analysts, journalists, and historians, in an animated public debate — and, ultimately, at the polls.

# A Sharon diversion

By ASHER WALLFISH

THE PORTLY Roman Emperor Nero fiddled, they say, while Rome was burning. Was former defence minister Ariel Sharon fiddling too, while Kiryat Shmona burned on the evening of Friday, June 4, 1982?

It seems so, according to a book about the war in Lebanon, *Snowball*, by Israel Radio's diplomatic correspondent, Shimon Shifter. The Hebrew title, *Kadoor Sheleg*, contains the acronym for the Peace for Galilee operation, *Shlom Hagalit*.

On the previous evening, June 3, in London, Arab terrorists of the Abu Nidal gang hostile to the PLO gravely wounded Israeli Ambassador Shlomo Argov. That shooting supplied the suitable spark Sharon sought to set off the Lebanese conflagration.

Sharon was not in Israel at the time. He was only a couple of hours flying time away from home. Yet it took him nearly 48 hours to get back. He had an Israeli-owned and registered executive jet at his sole disposal. The jet had a pilot standing by at all time and the aircraft was airworthy and cleared for priority take-off.

He could easily have got back to Israel in time for the crucial cabinet session of Friday morning, June 4, in which the decision was taken to bomb PLO zones in Beirut and elsewhere.

But to the wonder of those in the know, including his foreign hosts, Sharon made no move until after the PLO retaliation to the IAF bombing made war inevitable. That was exactly what Sharon wanted. That was exactly what Sharon planned. He knew that the Argov assault would automatically lead to the IAF raids because the scenario had been readied long before. But he could not be sure that the PLO would retaliate, since it had not retaliated in similar circumstances some months earlier. Therefore, it seems, he deliberately waited till the juggernaut of war began lumbering irreversibly forward, before making his leisurely way back home. By then the matter was out of his hands.

Shifter writes briefly, in *Snowball*: "Thousands of shells rained down on the Northern villages. The terrorists retaliated. The IAF planes struck once again. Sharon decided to bring his 'secret' visit to Europe to an end. In any case, few working meetings had been arranged for the defence minister. Accompanied by his family and his close advisers, he enjoyed himself on excursions and in exclusive restaurants. He had only two brief working meetings. It was obvious to his hosts that his visit would have no practical outcome."

The plane which flew Sharon was waiting for the minister and his party. The Israeli ambassador in that European country later defined and summed up Sharon's visit in one single word: it was a "scandal."

SOME TIME later, when Sharon was asked why he was abroad and what he was doing, he claimed he was on a "secret mission." The inference was that the government, or Prime Minister Menachem Begin, had sent him abroad on vital state business whose nature was so delicate that it had to be kept secret at all costs, and that it could not be interrupted even because of the crisis.

Nothing could have been further from the truth.

Nevertheless, the powers wielded by Sharon, and by his co-orchestrator in the Lebanon affair, former chief of staff Rafael Eitan, made it possible to prevent the disclosure of the country he was visiting, and the nature of his activity there.

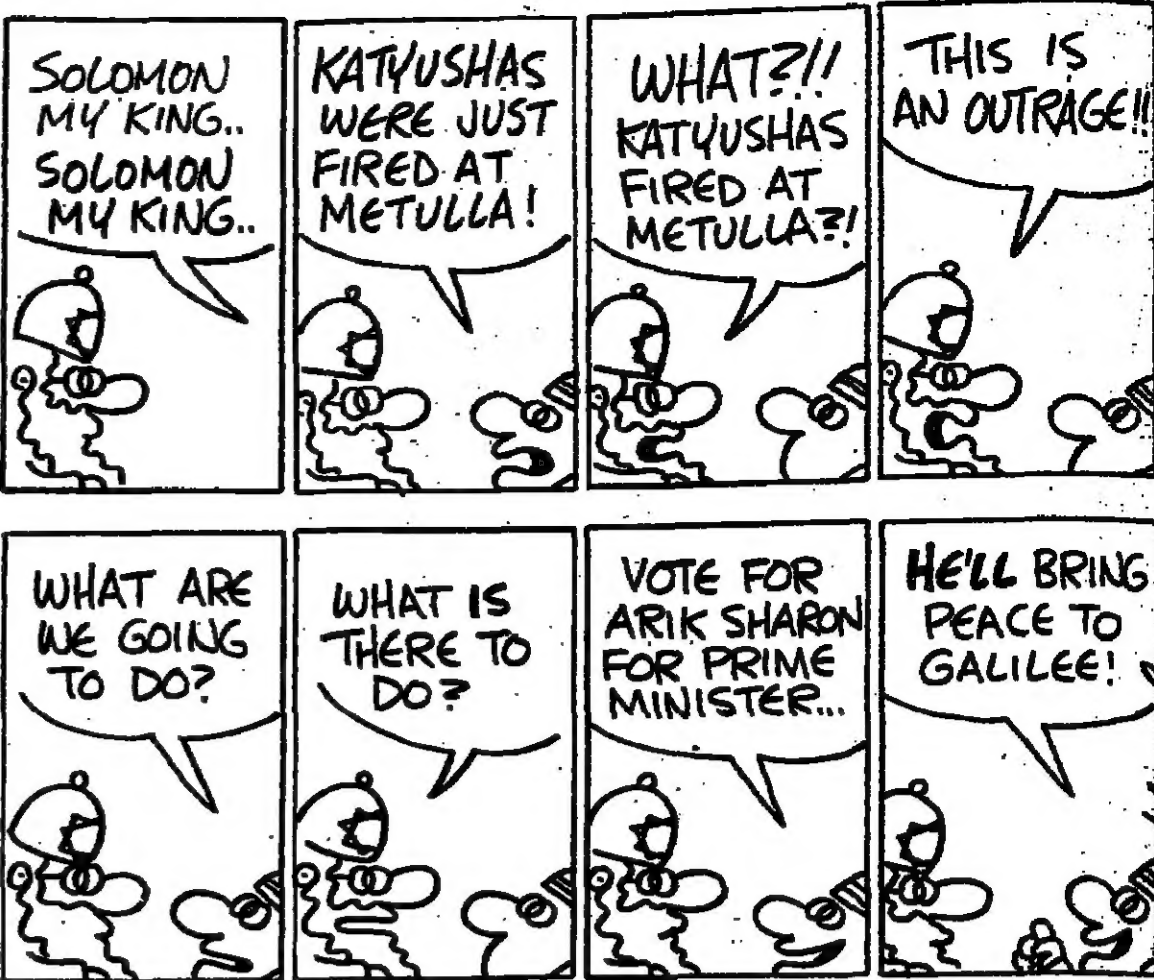
Sharon's journey was neither a "mission" nor did it have any "secret" character. It was essentially a private family jaunt to a European country at the expense of the Israeli taxpayer, which the authorities there did not want but could not prevent, and the formal fig-leaf for which was a far-out idea.

Sharon had decided to give his wife Lily a treat since she had long wanted to visit that land. He had no other way of doing so while he was a cabinet minister. He took along his two sons as well, to show them the country.

With Sharon insisting that he had a secret mission, and the coincidental timing being what it was, publication of the name of the country subsequently would have caused it embarrassment with Moslem countries. Publication of the name of the country and of his personal activities there would have been even more embarrassing for Sharon, and for Begin who approved the non-essential journey.

But had it been announced early on that the minister was merely having a family holiday, little embarrassment would have befallen the local authorities. No Arab country would have seriously accused it of collusion with Israel over the Lebanese affair just because Sharon saw one minister for 40 minutes during a four-day sightseeing trip. The late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat had after all not been seriously accused of collusion with Israel, just because he met Begin on the eve of the Baghdad reactor attack.

# The Friday Dry Bones



THE FORMER defence minister found his fig-leaf to cover the costly family outing in an idea he picked up from a Jewish multi-millionaire with business interests on many continents, which Sharon thought might interest that country but which was laughed out of court there.

In the course of planning his visit, Sharon asked to meet ministers. He was granted a meeting only with one minister. But this was more than enough to make Lily Sharon's dream visit possible.

ON WEDNESDAY, June 2, the four members of the Sharon family accompanied by the minister's aides left for that country on a Westwind executive jet of the Israel Aircraft Industries.

The cabinet was not told of Sharon's journey beforehand, although such notification is normal practice, to which there have been only a few rare and well-justified exceptions, since 1948. The late Moshe Dayan's genuinely secret trip to Rabat before the peace talks with Egypt falls into a totally different category from the Sharon family outing.

The Israeli ambassador to that country met the party at the airport, but did not accompany the party inside the country.

When *The Jerusalem Post* approached him and asked him to confirm what Shifter wrote in *Snowball*, about him describing the entire visit as a "scandal," he replied simply: "No comment."

When he was asked to confirm whether Sharon even visited that country, he also said, "No comment."

He said that there were no secret contacts of any kind on any matter between Israel and that country prior to the war in Lebanon.

As it transpired, Sharon's meeting with the minister lasted less than 45 minutes.

This left the Sharon family with plenty of time to travel around, staying at the most expensive hotels and eating at the most exclusive restaurants. A unit of local security police guarded the Sharons wherever they journeyed, in the best local tradition for escorting VIPs.

ALL ALONG, the local authorities hinted at their displeasure over the visit and left the impression that Sharon was forcing himself upon them. Protocol made it impossible for them to prevent the visit without a reason, however.

Sharon had intended to fly home to Israel on Sunday, June 6. To explain why he did not fly home on Friday morning, Sharon claimed later that there were no communications facilities with Israel. His inference was, that the government could not contact him and he could not initiate contact with the government.

This is untrue. He had every possible communications facility. Sharon, moreover, knew exactly what was happening from Israel Radio, which comes over loud and clear in that country. Full reports were also available over international radio networks like the BBC and the VOA.

From his Westwind jet, Sharon had radio contact with home. The jet never left the airport. He had the usual communications facilities through the Israel Embassy. In any event, Israel is also linked by direct telephone dialling to that country.

In fact, Sharon did talk to Rafael Eitan, to coordinate arrangements for the first reserve mobilization on Friday evening, June 4. He knew about the cabinet meeting on Friday morning and about the bombing of Beirut in mid-afternoon.

When Kol Israel broadcast picked up in that country began to describe the PLO shelling of Galilee, on Friday afternoon, some of the local Israelis were amazed that Sharon did not halt his visit and take the waiting Westwind home. On Friday evening when the shelling intensified, the amazement, for some, was tinged with distaste.

On Saturday the irony of his situation finally penetrated Sharon's hide. He flew back on Saturday afternoon, June 5, in time for the Saturday evening cabinet meeting where a vote was taken on the war. But in order not to slap the Orthodox coalition parties in the face, Sharon said later that he came back after the Sabbath.

Some of those who knew at the time what Sharon was doing, or who discovered later, have wondered why Sharon did not fly home on Friday morning.

He had more than one reason, it is assumed.

As he said in a controversial political speech a couple of weeks ago, the key decision to bomb Beirut was taken in his absence on Friday morning. Assuming that events would take their own course after the attack on Ambassador Argov, Sharon apparently preferred to stay on the sidelines so that his colleagues would not feel he was stampeding them into a move without due consideration.

He had no desire, moreover, to interrupt his free holiday in the middle and spoil it for his wife and the two boys, until Begin and Eitan called him back.

The writer is the Knesset Correspondent of The Jerusalem Post.

## READERS' LETTERS

### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — We would like to inform all U.S. citizens of voting age who are interested in voting in the 1984 Democratic overseas postal primary that ballots may be picked up at all A.A.C.I. regional offices, and in Rehovot at the Paperback Gallery, 185 Herzl Ave. Ballots are available from Sunday, February 19, through Thursday, March 1, during normal business hours. After being completed at home, they ought to be mailed immediately (by express or at least air mail) to DPCA Election Committee, Kanalweg 5, 2628 EB Delft, The Netherlands. Ballots must be received by the Election Committee in Holland no later than noon, March 13. Allow at least 10 days for delivery.

RAMI ARMON,  
Chairman, Election Committee  
Democrats Abroad (Israel)  
Rehovot.

### DEALING WITH ALIYA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — We all have become accustomed to the "constructive criticism" lavished upon us by Jews from abroad. This criticism, if reserved for truly important matters such as war and peace, is understandable although unpleasant. When this criticism, however, extends to who should or should not be in charge of our Aliya Department, I must cry foul.

Aliya is the legitimate concern of only two categories of people, Israelis and those foreigners who seriously contemplate making aliya.

DAVID HEIMOWITZ

Tel Aviv.

### SPECIAL FEATURES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I would like to congratulate you on the *Today* pages in *The Post*, which are like a breath of fresh air.

I am very disappointed that *In Jerusalem* has been cut back so that the format of lively city news (in English as opposed to *Kol Ha'ir*, etc.) is now missing. I hope the supplement will soon return as before. Also, I hope *Life Style*, another *Post* feature which made the paper something different, will return more frequently.

LESLEY MICHAELS

Jerusalem.

## POSTSCRIPTS

**PS** THE FOLLOWING story is circulating around Jerusalem these days with reference to the activities of the four Likud finance ministers, Ehrlich, Hurwitz, Aridor and Cohen-Orad.

A Jew built himself a house and a chicken farm. He purchased 4,000 chickens, but 1,000 died within the first week. The unhappy would-be farmer phoned his rabbi for advice.

"Feed them rice," said the rabbi, "and all will be well."

But in the next week another 1,000 chickens perished. The poor man phoned his rabbi again.

"Feed them wheat," he was advised this time.

When another 1,000 died, the farmer called his rabbi a third time, only to be told to feed his chickens rice.

But the last batch of chickens also died. "What shall I do now?" inquired the disappointed fellow.

"All my chickens have died!"

"That is a pity," answered the rabbi, "for I have a lot more excellent advice to give."

(A.Z.)

**PS** A CZECHOSLOVAK has been refused Swiss citizenship because he does not like cow bells.

Vit Stupka's application was turned down at a village meeting on the grounds that his sympathy with residents complaining about noise from the bells showed he was not properly assimilated.

Stupka, who has lived in Switzerland for 14 years, provided measuring instruments when protesters won a court order in 1981 obliging farmer Leo Schmidli to

move his cows away from dwellings near the night.

"We are still free Swiss, and are not going to be pushed around like this by a foreigner," Schmidli told a newspaper after the recent 83-27 vote against granting Stupka citizenship.

Foreigners can become Swiss only if their citizenship is also accepted by a local community. However, Stupka can continue living in the country on his foreigner's residence permit.

**PS** AN EXOTIC talking bird with a good memory scared burglars out of a house in Baytown, Texas recently and then helped police find the suspects by remembering their names.

Baytown police detective Reggie Harper said the bird helped confirm the identification of men charged with a series of house burglaries involving the loss of \$50,000 in property. Harper said two men and a juvenile have been arrested and others are being sought.

Harper said that during the investigation, a homeowner reported that her exotic South American talking bird kept saying, "Come here, Robert. Come here, Ronnie."

Harper said the bird apparently picked up the names when intruders in the house talked to each other. He added that informants told police that the bird, speaking in the darkness during the burglary of what was presumed an empty house, scared the intruders away, but not before they had called to each other enough for the bird to learn their names.

## Minister Moshe Arens

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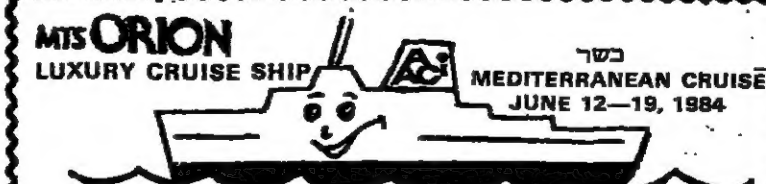
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